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# The Editor's Page

## Cover Picture

The picture on the cover this month shows Joan Drysdale, a pupil at the Nova Scotia School for the Deaf, presenting a bouquet to Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth. It was taken at the time the Princess and her husband visited Canada. Another picture of Joan and a description of the Nova Scotia school will be found on page 8.

## Reliable Workers

When you start off on a vacation trip and toss your luggage into the rear trunk of your automobile, or deposit it for checking at an airport or a railway or bus baggage station, has it occurred to you that your luggage may have been made by deaf workmen? If it is "Samsonite" luggage it is quite likely that some of the numerous deaf employees of the Schwayder firm in Denver had a hand in its construction.

On page 6 of this number you will find a tribute to these deaf workmen paid them by the general manager of the firm, Emmett H. Heitler. THE SILENT WORKER would call your attention to some statistics presented by Mr. Heitler, which are in agreement with similar records compiled on deaf workmen in many branches of industry.

Mr. Heitler finds that among 35 deaf men employed at the Schwayder firm, seven have not missed a day's work during the past year. The average of all these employees was three days' absence to the year, where the absence record of all employees at the plant was 9.6 days. The record of these deaf men was three times as good as that of the over-all record of all employees. The average earning of these deaf male employees was \$75.40 per week, while that of all employees was \$70.00, which, according to Mr. Heitler, indicates greater productivity on the part of the deaf workman.

The record of the women employees was not so good. They beat the over-all record for absenteeism, but in productivity they were below the average. We do not believe this is a typical performance for deaf women and a later comparison will probably show them better than the average.

What Mr. Heitler has found about deaf employees has been found by other employers time and again. It shows that industry can profit from employing deaf workmen, because they are actually a better than average class of workmen.

## Bound Volumes Ready

VOLUME 5 of THE SILENT WORKER has been bound and distributed to those

who ordered copies. If any reader has not received his copy by the time he reads this, he is advised to inquire of THE SILENT WORKER.

## Needy Foreign Deaf

THE SILENT WORKER is circulated in most of the major countries of the world and as a result we receive numerous letters from deaf persons in foreign lands. Some of these letters are appeals for help from deaf persons who do not have the advantages and freedom we enjoy in the United States. The writers of some of these letters are displaced persons who, when we have attempted to contact them, have been displaced again or moved to an address unknown.

It would be generous of the deaf in the United States to endeavor to help their needy foreign brothers and sisters, but it is difficult to ascertain whether or not all requests we receive are from persons most needing and deserving of help. We have no means of investigating every case.

The most recent request has come from the deaf mother of a large family in the Philippines, whose husband also is deaf. The husband works for a small salary, which is insufficient to feed the family, and their house is in need of repair before the approaching rainy season. It strikes us that there are quite a number of deaf Philipinos in the United States who are enjoying many blessings those back home have not received. They might be interested in helping this needy family, and if they or any other readers are interested, THE SILENT WORKER will be glad to supply the address and contributions may be sent directly to the family in the Philippines.

Another recent letter comes from a mission worker in one of the famine stricken areas of India who states that help, even in a small way, will be greatly appreciated.

Another letter, on a happier note, comes from a deaf man in Monaco. He is interested in learning foreign languages and as an experiment he began studying the Spanish language about a year ago, using only a dictionary. He is able now to read fluently in Spanish, and even to carry on a conversation. He feels that deaf persons can readily learn foreign languages, and he desires to correspond with deaf persons in the United States who may be interested in studying some foreign language with him. He writes very good English. Anyone who may wish to correspond with him may ask THE SILENT WORKER for his address.

## Milwaukee Wins

THE SILENT WORKER congratulates the basketball team representing the Milwaukee Silent Club, Inc., on winning the AAAD national championship in the recent tournament held in Kansas City. Congratulations, also, to the Kansas City committee, on staging a successful tournament. Reports are that this was one of the most exciting of all the national tourneys, every game a thriller.

Next month THE SILENT WORKER will carry the story of the meet.

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# The Deaf in Sweden

By Jerker Andersson

AT BRUSSELS, Belgium, I met Mr. Marcus Kenner, 1st vice president of the NAD, and we, both of us, had a pleasant time. Then he asked me to write some articles to THE SILENT WORKER. Of course, I do this with great pleasure.

Here I want to put this question: What do you know about Sweden, my dear readers? Many people, deaf and hearing both, do not know much about Sweden. Sometimes the people think that Sweden is Norway or that Sweden is a country of the Laplanders. Only four of a hundred or so deaf Americans who were at Brussels for the International Games for the Deaf, visited Sweden. I should like for the Americans who are interested in the deaf life to come to Sweden, for the deaf of Sweden and other Scandinavian countries (Norway, Denmark and Finland) have better conditions of life than in other countries of Europe.

Before talking about the deaf of Sweden I shall first write about Sweden. Sweden is a country of six million people but its surface is much larger than the British Isles (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). The capital, Stockholm, has 700,000 people and is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Stockholm has been called Venice for there are many picturesque canals. The screw for steamers, the refrigerator, matches, the separator for milk and cream, etc., are Swedish inventions. Sweden is often called Europe's U.S. Why is Sweden called so? You would not put this question if you knew that Sweden has a high standard of life and that the Swedes can afford

to visit foreign countries. An American professor brought out, some years ago, a book about Sweden, called "Sweden—A Model for a World."

Do not think that Sweden is a little country! Sweden has given more social help to such countries as Germany, Italy, Holland, Austria, Korea, than any other European country. Sweden has been neutral, having peace over 150 years. (This is why Sweden does not want to be a member of the Atlantic Pact.)

Now I am going to speak of the Swedish deaf. There are 7000 deaf in Sweden and four schools, one special one, three preparatory schools, two continuation schools, and one farm school. All of them are owned by the State. At three years of age the children may be sent to any of the pre-schools. They are situated in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Boden (Boden is a military place, not allowed to be visited by foreign tourists.) The oldest pre-school was founded in Gothenburg in the year 1902. The children at such schools have speech, lipreading and other subjects. At the age of seven years the children have to go to a regular school for the deaf. There are such schools in Stockholm, Harnösand, Vanersborg and Lund, and the special school in Örebro—five districts. The children aged 7-15 years receive the usual educational training. The schools use the combined system (both signs and the oral method) but the special school of Örebro uses the oral method only. The oldest and largest school is "Manilla Dovskola" of Stockholm, being able to receive about 100 pupils. The school was founded in 1809 and is also used as a National Training College for teachers of the deaf. From 1809 to 1856 Manilla Dovskola was Sweden's only school for the deaf. After the year 1856 there were several new schools, most of them, however, lived for a short time. Some of them were founded by deaf men and women. The deaf, themselves, were allowed to be teachers of the deaf but 75 years ago (1879) the Ministry of the Education Department decided that no deaf should become a teacher. Since that year every child at the age of seven years is bound to attend school (in Denmark, 1817, and Norway, 1883.)

The founder of the deaf education was Per Aron Borg (1776-1839). He was an official before he was interested in the deaf education. The school he started was open not only to the deaf but also the blind. Thirteen years later, Portugal called him to found a deaf school there. Thus, Portugal, Finland and Sweden use the Swedish manual



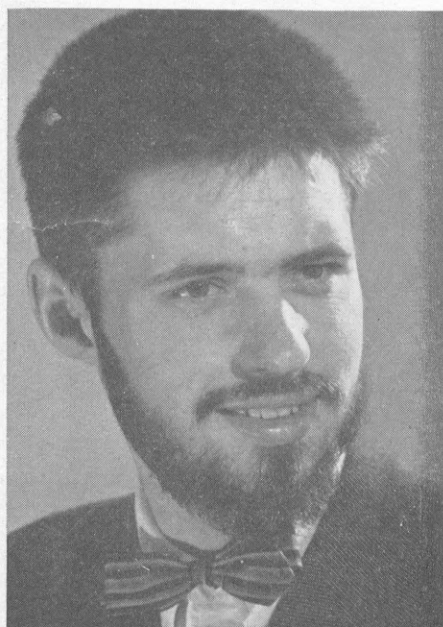
The Swedish Manual Alphabet (Svenska Handalfabetet) used in Portugal, Finland, and Sweden.

alphabet that Mr. Borg devised himself. That alphabet differs very much from the French or the American. The Swedish signs and the Swedish manual alphabet are generally used but the deaf are in all cases able to speak and lip-read more or less well.

With regard to the continuation schools and the farm school, they are open for boys who want to be tailors, shoemakers, joiners, upholsterers, farmers, and for girls who wish to become clerks, maids, cooks or seamstresses. In order to come to this continuation school the boys or girls must be over 15 years old. They may stay there 2-4 years. Every child who leaves the usual school has to attend the continuation school as the child does not know what occupation he or she wants to follow. The continuation school for boys is situated at Vanersborg; the one for the girls at Vaxjö, and the farm school at Barby, a little place. There is a special course for the deaf who have never gone to or do not want to attend the continuation schools. This course is held during the summers during which most Swedes have holidays. The deaf must attend the course at least three times. It takes three months to complete this course.

The pupils at all of these schools have free journeys from home to school and return, during the summer, Christmas and Easter, free meals and clothes. Here I give some figures.

The Swedish Parliament gives 700,000 dollars for salaries of the personnel at the schools for the deaf, 35,000 dollars for clothes for the pupils, 30,000 dollars for the pre-schools and 400 dollars for cultural activities among the deaf.



JERKER ANDERSSON





Home for aged and retired deaf, at Stockholm, Sweden's capital.

Among the deaf there are an architect, a manager of a wholesale meat business, owners of two fruit shops, advertisement-draftsmen, artists, dental technicians, cartographers, engravers, clerks, but no linotypers. Most deaf are shoemakers, joiners, tailors, typographers and workmen in factories. All of them have the same salaries as the hearing.

Here I want to say that there is no high school or college or university for the deaf. However, the Government has founded a provisory school for deaf adults. It is a "people's high school" (folkhogskola). This school is not permanent.

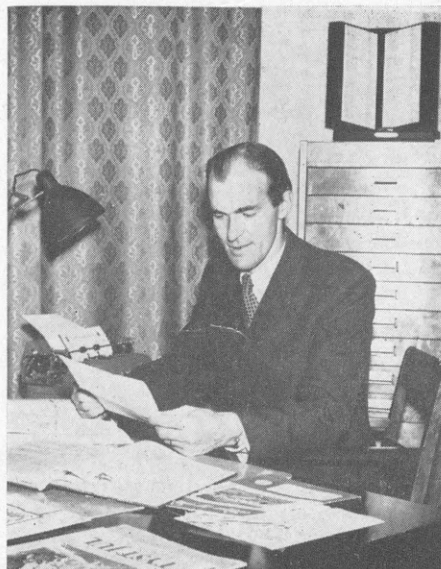
The Swedish Association of the deaf, SDR, or "Sveriges Dovas Riks forbund," that was founded in 1922, has 45 clubs and three clubs for women. The oldest and largest club is in Stockholm, Dovas Forening, SDF, which was founded in

1868 and has 300 deaf members and 50 hearing. This club has its own premises of six rooms and one kitchen and its own caretaker (hearing). And the club has its own recreation home for the deaf with three acres of ground. The recreation home has one house-mother and three maids, and is able to receive 60 deaf per day. It is open only during the summers. The club may have 1-3000 dollars from the Stockholm Town Council every year. And it has given courses in English (the present course in English has 15 members and one teacher who is deaf. He is one of the approved teachers of the Royal Education Board.) Also Swedish, German and other subjects. The club of Stockholm has funds of 100,000 kr (20,000 dollars). Its address is *Stockholms Dovas Forening, Drottninggatan 26, Stockholm*. The other clubs have also courses mostly in Swedish, economics, knowledge of associations and clubs and so on. Several clubs have 10-200 dollars from their town councils. Most of them have their own recreation homes and film projectors. From the Swedish Association of the deaf the clubs may have money for buying film projectors or recreation homes. Almost all the recreation homes were built by the deaf themselves. Only two of the Swedish clubs have their own house-properties (at Malmo and Uppsala), but most of them have flats or premises and permanent addresses.

The Swedish Association of the deaf that has its own house-property is situated at Borlange (address: Sveriges Dovas Riksforbund, Wallingatan 16, Borlange). It has an annual expenditure of 500,000 kr (100,000 dollars). It's the largest and best organized association in North Europe, or perhaps in the whole of Europe, having an executive

treasurer (hearing) and an executive secretary who, too, is editor of the Swedish Deaf magazine "Dovas Tidskrift." The president is Gosta Wiberg, Gothenburg, a deaf architect, and the secretary, Hugo Edenas (deaf), Borlange, editor of the deaf magazine. The magazine for the deaf "Dovas Tidskrift" is a national and publicly recognized paper for the deaf but the others, "Dovas Varld," "Dovas Von" and another Swedish paper are little read (because of their poor language) and are sold from door to door. "Dovas Tidskrift" and the German magazine for the deaf "Deutsche Gehorlosen Zeitung," are the best papers of all European ones (I know that because I receive 45 papers for the deaf from the whole world, monthly). "Dovas Tidskrift" regularly consists of club news, foreign news, family news, news from SDR, the Swedish Athletic Association for the deaf, the League for the parents of deaf children and the Swedish Club for Deaf Motorist sports news and articles (20-25 pages, being published once a month.) The price for a subscription is 6 kr (\$1.20). This magazine can even be compared with THE SILENT WORKER. Here I want to say that the column "With the Foreign Deaf . . ." in the October issue of THE SILENT WORKER about the Swedish paper is in error. It is written that "The associations of the deaf of Sweden and Finland jointly publish a magazine for the deaf." The Finnish Association of the deaf has its own magazine in two languages because Finnish and Swedish both are spoken in Finland. Swedish is spoken mostly in the northwestern part of Finland. Thus, the Associations of the Deaf of Sweden and Finland publish a magazine each but not jointly. The Swedish magazine "Dovas Tidskrift" receives 400 dollars

Left to right, below: Gosta Wiberg, president of the Swedish Association of the deaf, and Sweden's only deaf architect. Hugo Edenas, executive secretary of the Association, editor of the Swedish magazine for the deaf, called "Dovas Tidskrift." He also speaks English. Mrs. Elsa Lukasson (hearing), executive treasurer of the Swedish Assn. The last two photos courtesy of "Dovas Tidskrift."







Above, two of Sweden's schools for the deaf. Left, Manilla Dovskola, the oldest and largest in Sweden. Right, the school at Vanersborg.

once a year from the Government.

The Swedish Association for the Deaf is a member of the World Federation of the Deaf. The deaf Scandinavians have their own Scandinavian congress. The next and 8th Scandinavian Congress will be held in Finland in 1955. The Swedish Association for the Deaf has its congress every two years. The next congress will be held at Ostersund in 1955.

As Sweden has its own State Church (protestant) we have five priests for the deaf whose salaries are paid by the State. And we also have five consultants who help the deaf to find work and who are the deaf's advisers and interpreters. The State pays their salaries, too.

There is a special league for the parents of deaf children. The Swedish name is Riksförbundet Dovas Barns malsman (DBM, founded in 1949) and its president is Professor Oscar Lofgren, Gothenburg. We have our own Sick Fund that is a very notable fund. The deaf club of Stockholm was at the beginning a sort of a sickness society. But in 1902 the present fund was separated from the Club. Now it is *the oldest and most notable of all sick funds for both the hearing and the deaf in Sweden!* The Swedish name is De Dovas Erkanda Centralsjukkas (the Recognized Central Sick Fund for the Deaf.)

There are three other Leagues: Sveriges Dovas Idrottsorganisation (SDI, The Swedish Athletics Association for the Deaf), Sveriges Dovas Schacksförbund (The Chess Association for the Deaf in Sweden) and Sveriges Dovas Motorforening (a Swedish club for deaf motorists). The Swedish Athletic Association of the Deaf (founded 1913) is a member of CISS and has 12 athletic clubs for the deaf; the total number of the members is 246 men and 93 women and 214 inactive members. The oldest club is Hephata (in English Ephphatha) of Stockholm, having 150 members,

probably even the oldest one in the world for some deaf had it already in 1892 and only two of the athletic clubs for the hearing are older than Hephata. The National Athletic Association gave to the Swedish Athletic Association for the deaf 3000 dollars for taking part in the International Games for the Deaf of 1953. SDI was able to send a team of 34 men and one woman. They had free trips, meals, and restitution for their lost salaries. Yearly the SDI receives 400 dollars from the Swedish Association of the Deaf. It publishes a publication every spring. There is very good co-operation between SDI and SDR.

The Swedish club for deaf motorists is only two years old (1952). Its president is Hugo Edenas. There are about 70 deaf motorists and some of them have their own cars.

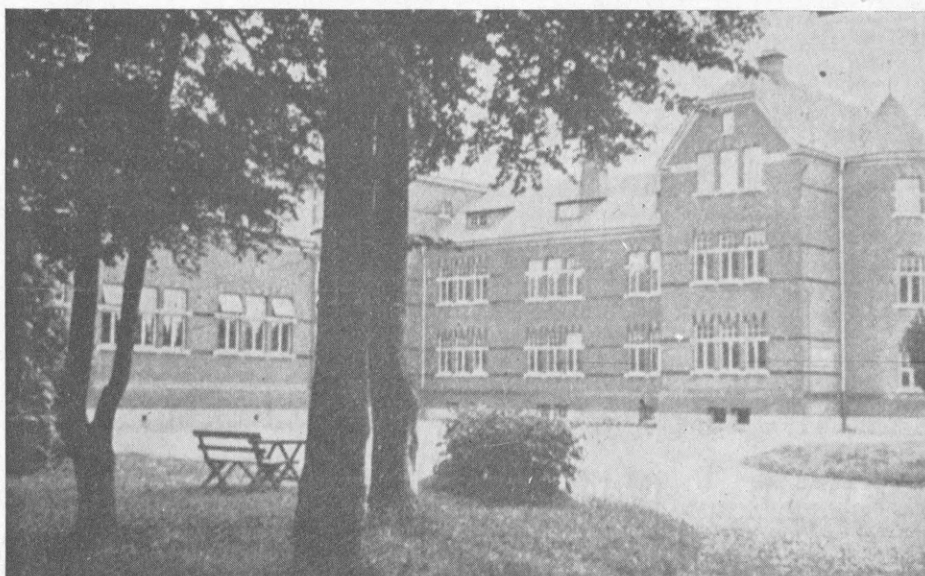
When the deaf adults are old and retired, they need not worry about their future. They may move to an almshouse for the aged deaf. There are five such homes in Sweden. However, the aged deaf have to pay for meals and room themselves (50s per day). If they

are poor they may have free meals and room.

Before the first of July, 1953, we were called deaf and dumb. But after that time the Swedish Parliament decided that the word "deaf" would be used instead of "deaf and dumb."

Let me put my own words here. Every foreigner, Americans incl., visiting Sweden is always warmly welcomed in Sweden. The Swedish deaf are always happy to see the Americans or the foreigners in their old country; they will certainly be glad to help the foreigners. WELCOME TO SWEDEN!!

*(The above article about the deaf of Sweden was written for THE SILENT WORKER by Jerker Andersson, editor of the foreign news department of the Swedish magazine, Dovas Tidskrift. A linguist, Andersson collects books, magazines, and clippings about the deaf all over the world. He desires publications from the United States. It is suggested that editors of school publications might put his name on their mailing lists. His address is Lararbostaden, Vällentuna, Suede, Sweden.—Ed.)*



Continuation school for boys aged 16-19, at Vanersborg.



# Tribute To Deaf Workmen

By Harriett B. Votaw

**T**HE MILE-HIGH CHAPTER of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association of Denver, Colorado, held its annual banquet at the Old Navarre Restaurant on February 13.

The program was featured by an address by Emmett H. Heitler, general manager of Schwayder Brothers, Inc., manufacturers of Samsonite luggage, in which he paid high tribute to the large number of deaf employees at the Denver plant. His address follows:

It is a great pleasure to be invited to celebrate with you the birthday of Edward Miner Gallaudet, the first President of Gallaudet College, incorporated in 1864. We hearing people feel greatly indebted to the Gallaudet family and to Gallaudet College, because through their foresight and efforts we are able to enjoy an association with many deaf people, a privilege that might otherwise have been denied us.

As I look over this audience, I see a definite relationship between the people here and the concept of our business. I have noticed all evening how happy all of this group seem to be—how many smiles are in evidence and how genuine these smiles are. With us, we have always tried to operate a happy business. We have felt that the product which we manufacture, Samsonite Luggage, is one that is normally used for happy occasions such as for honeymoons, for vacations, pleasure trips, and if we are to make a product which has a connotation of happiness, certainly we should be able to operate a business on a friendly and pleasant basis.

Of all sources of happiness, it seems to me that perhaps the greatest is the ability to help others to help themselves. This, I believe, begins to explain our program of employment of the deaf, because in so doing, we are gaining for

ourselves a very great pleasure. Undoubtedly many of you have read or heard from time to time, of the basic policy of our company—that is the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." In carrying out this policy, we obviously must judge each person as an individual and that, of course, becomes the criterion for our selection of personnel. We do not discriminate against anyone, regardless of the color of his skin, his national origin, his religious belief or his appearance. In our concept, there is no disability where the individual has the ability to do the job for which he is employed.

Many of you have commented that you are indebted to us for our consideration for the deaf. We believe that the situation is reversed. We are grateful for the consideration of those of you who have come to work for us. During this week I have done a little research work with regard to the deaf employees of our plant, and I believe if I show you some of these figures, you will understand what I mean. We now have in our organization, 47 deaf employees—35 men and 12 women. These 47 people have given to Schwayder Brothers 276 years of service, an average of almost six years per deaf employee. I think it is interesting and a good illustration of our happy business concept, that 12 of the 47 are husband and wife teams. That is, we have six deaf couples in our employ. We can think of many others who have found their husbands or wives here while they have been at work in our company. This is certainly an indication of a happy frame of mind while on the job.

Our oldest deaf employee, Bernard Ranney, has been with us since 1937. His clock number is 81, which means



Emmett Heitler, right, speaks at Denver Gallaudet banquet. Interpreter, left, is Walter Schmidt.

that only 80 employees have been in our service longer than Bernard. Considerable appreciation of Bernard's accomplishment should be recognized, because certainly if he had not done a good job when he first came to work, we might not have given others the opportunity to follow him. During the year 1953, the 47 deaf employees earned almost \$200,000, including \$10,000 in bonus pay. The average earning of our deaf male factory employee during 1953 was \$75.40 per week, as compared with the average of all male employees, including the deaf, of only \$70.00 per week. These earnings in general indicate a greater productivity on the part of the deaf than on the part of the average male employee, so you begin to see why I say that it is we who are indebted for your consideration of us. In the case of the women, unfortunately, the figures are not quite the same. The average wage for the deaf woman factory employee was \$53.81, as against the aver-

Part of the banquet crowd at Denver Gallaudet alumni banquet, an annual event held by the Mile-High Chapter.



Howard Kilthau, left, and Robert Hurley shown at their machines sewing binding on Samsonite train cases.





age of \$56.80. It will be our job during the next year to see what can be done to bring the deaf woman's average up to, and perhaps to exceed, the average woman's earnings in our plant.

I think another very interesting attribute of the deaf is their dependability. Of the 35 deaf men in our employee, seven men worked the entire year with absolutely no absences. The average of all deaf male employees was three days' absence to the year, as compared with the over-all average for all men and women of 9.6 days' absence. There was one woman without an absence and the average of all deaf women was just a little under the combined average, being nine days per year.

I would like to recognize our second oldest employee, because actually today we are not only celebrating Edward Miner Gallaudet's birthday, but we are also honoring Elmo Kemp, who is having his 70th birthday tomorrow, Sunday, February 14th. Elmo came to work for us in 1948 and has worked continuously since that time.

This week I asked our foremen why they thought our deaf employees were so valuable. Here are some of the replies I received: "They do better because they concentrate on their work." "They are easier to teach because they pay attention more closely." "They take more pride in their jobs."

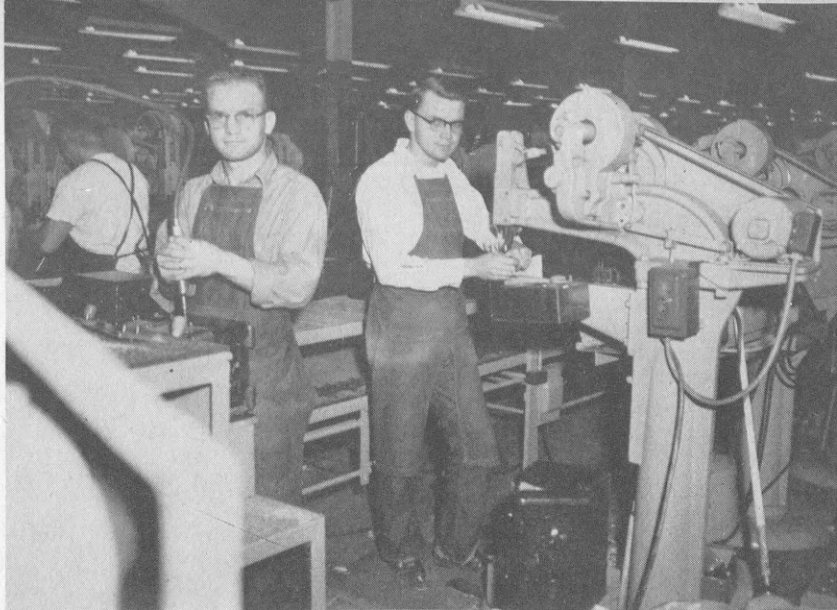
Many of you know of Shwayder Brothers' sponsorship of the many sports activities of the Silent Athletic Group. This has been an activity of ours for many, many years. We are particularly interested in our Silents basketball team, made up of boys over six feet tall, who have done extremely well in local competition.

We hope, in the future, to have many more deaf people join us. I know you will be interested to learn that we are now receiving applications for employment at our new Chicago warehouse, to be activated around the first of April. We are seeking applications from the deaf because we have analyzed our requirements and we find that the deaf should have the ability to do these jobs most successfully. If any of you should know of any interested persons in the Chicago area, we would be very happy to receive their applications.

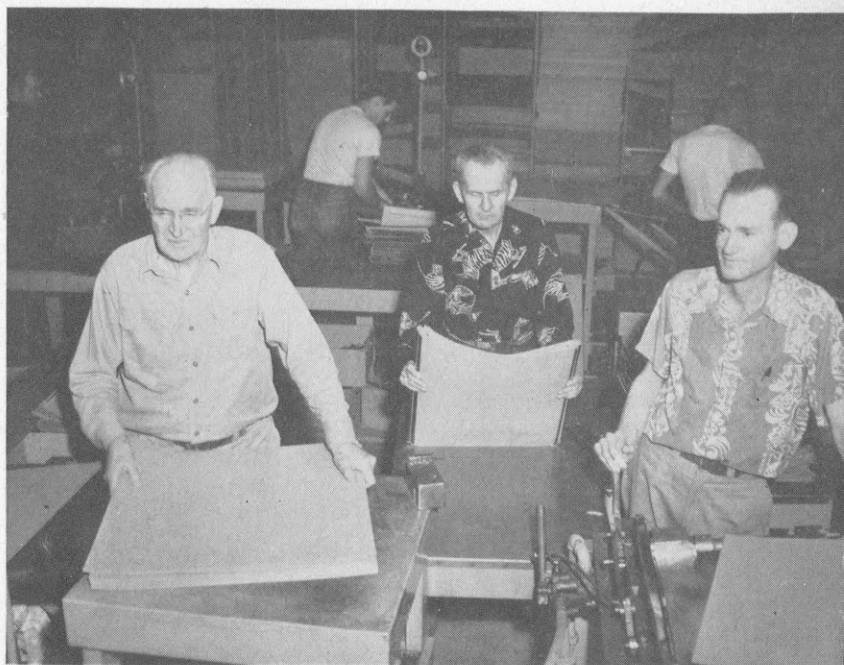
I do thank you for this opportunity to be with you and congratulate you on the great strides that you have taken to become such valuable members of our community.

The banquet was planned by Verne Barnett, assisted by Miss Ione Dibble, Mrs. Iona Simpson, and Harry Sponable, with Mrs. Simpson acting as toastmaster. Others on the program, besides Mr. Heitler, were Mrs. Homer E. Grace, Frank Galluzzo, Miss Sadie Young, Mrs. Emma Cunningham, and Mr. Sponable.

Schwayder Luggage employees. Julia Castilian, left, and Elsie Tuskey sewing linings for Samsonite cases.



Raymond Dietz, left, and Richard Anderson on assembly line. Raymond drills holes for drawbolts and handles and Richard puts them on.



Putting beading on chip for linings in Samsonite cases are, left to right, Elmo Kemp, Vern Barnett, Jewell Cecil.

Pasting lining for cases are (from left) Margaret Herbold, Esther Lawver, and Emilia O'Toole. Emilia puts Samsonite label on lining.





# *Schools for the Deaf*

R. K. Holcomb

## The Nova Scotia School

By K. C. Van Allen, Principal

**T**HE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been in existence for almost one hundred years, having been established in 1856 by a deaf man named William Gray.

Mr. Gray began his teaching as a side line when he found a couple of deaf children who had no education. Interested citizens were not slow in coming to his assistance and before another year had passed, a teacher of the deaf had been brought from England to take charge of a special school.

The growth of the school was rapid. James Scott Hutton, the first principal, assisted by his father, who worked for nothing, organized and carried on the work of the school, and in 20 years the attendance had reached a total of fifty-

two. Besides the principal, there were three assistant teachers at this time.

The area served by the school has always been large, consisting of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. A characteristic procedure of these early days was for the principal to take groups of the pupils on a tour of one of the provinces. During such a tour several of the larger centers were visited. A meeting was called in the School or Church and the method of teaching the deaf was demonstrated. Usually a collection was taken and the funds raised were used in helping to finance the school.

The main purpose of the tour however was not so much to gather subscriptions as to make the school and its



Joan Drysdale waiting for the royal car carrying Princess Elizabeth, with the bouquet she presented the princess.

work known among the people.

The rapid growth in attendance necessitated moves and additions to the accommodations and, back of the financial affairs of the school and directing its policy, a Board of Directors consisting of a few public spirited citizens. These men formed a Corporation in 1852 and from then to the present time the school has been managed in this way.

The present building was erected in 1895, when there were about 80 pupils in attendance. Money in those days evidently went a great deal farther than it does now. The directors estimated it would cost \$50,000 and the actual cost was only slightly more than their estimate.

The fee per pupil at that time, to cover board and tuition was \$120 per year. Half of this was paid by the province and half by the municipality from which the child came.

It is interesting to note, too, the rate at which this fee has grown over the past 50 years.

### Brief History of School for the Deaf

In 1896 the fee was raised from \$120 to \$150 per pupil; in 1903 to \$165. This rate held for some years and it is not apparent just when the next increases took place but up until about 1936 the rate was not over \$300. Then came an increase to \$400 which lasted until 1945. The steady upward trend in the cost of living during war time necessitated further increases to \$500 then \$700, \$800, and from January 1, 1953 the rate will be \$900. Even this rate is several hundred dollars lower than the cost per pupil in the majority of schools.

Main entrance, Nova Scotia School for the Deaf at Halifax.





*K. C. Van Allen B.A. B. Paed Principal. Entered the teaching profession in 1919. After two years experience in public school joined the staff of Ontario School for the Deaf 1921, remaining there for five years. In 1926-27 completed B.A. degree at Queens University as Science Specialist. In 1927-28 taught science in Fort William Collegiate; 1928-1931 taught science in Trenton High School. In 1931 went to Athens High School as principal and teacher of science and agriculture.*

*In 1939 following the retirement of Mr. George Bateman became Principal of the School for the Deaf at Halifax.*

### Age of Admission and Term of Attendance

The Nova Scotia school law states that "Pupils under twelve years of age shall be entitled to remain ten years, those entering between the ages of twelve and fifteen years shall be entitled to remain 8 years, and those between the ages of fifteen and eighteen years, six years."

The age of admission is six.

### Vocational Work

Vocational work has always played a large part in the education of the deaf and many fields are open to them. The work done at our school consists of woodworking, typesetting and shoe repairing for the boys and dressmaking and sewing, weaving, and cooking for the girls.

### Attendance

Our school attendance has been steadily increasing until we have outgrown our present building entirely. We are now accommodating one hundred and sixty pupils, but our waiting list is growing and there are twenty-five Newfoundland pupils who are now attending the Montreal school. There are undoubtedly many other deaf children scattered about the four provinces who have not yet found their way to our school.

An attempt is being made to obtain the co-operation of the four provinces New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland in obtaining funds for a new building suitable for the accommodation of three hundred children and so equipped and staffed as to give these handicapped children the same advantages that hearing children now have in the modern schools.

Top photo shows beginning pupils admitted at the Nova Scotia school in September, 1952. Next are the senior girls in the home nursing class, and at bottom, pupils at a Hallowe'en party.





## The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

It does seem ages since we last sat down to tell you what is going on in the little red schoolhouse; but if you have been seeing pictures of the super-elegant schools some states have placed at the disposal of the deaf, you may



W. T. GRIFFING

suspect that we flunked the three R's and that we elect to take this method of making others suffer. Call it sour grapes, if you please

Anyway, we trust you have enjoyed the respite. Now, we can take up where we left off—and where the heck was that???

We are genuinely sorry to see Dr. Boyd Nelson pack his suitcase out at Ogden to head East to New Jersey, where he will become assistant commissioner of public education in that state.

We think he has done an exceptionally fine piece of work with the Utah school and the children there. His scholarly articles dealing with the education of the deaf and its multiple problems will be greatly missed by the LPF (little paper family, meaning the various publications of the schools.)

Our best wishes go with our friend in his new field. He is still close enough "home" to continue his fine service to the deaf. We are betting that he will, too.

It is too bad so many promising young teachers, deaf teachers of the deaf, are dropping out of the profession because the salary scale is so low that it is almost impossible to keep the wolf a safe distance from the door. Surely there should be a remedy for this.

We can detect a gradual upward swing in salaries for teachers, and sentiment seems to be more favorable for a better deal for the classroom gang. This jibes with what a doctor friend told us several years back. We were discussing incomes. He told us to stick fast to teaching because within the coming years, and not too far off at that, the teachers were going to be one of the best paid of professional workers.

We felt so elated that when we ran into another friend to impart this glorious prophecy, he umphed and said he considered \$50 top pay for a fellow such as us. The damage to our morale was so great that we downed six cups of coffee in a single gulp!

Anyway, we are just hoping that more of these jimdandy youngsters will

cast their lot with teaching. The schools — and the deaf who populate them — need them right there.

Say, in 1955 there will be a convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and still another with the National Association of the Deaf occupying the spotlight. Both will be swarming with alert deaf citizens who are anxious to make this a better workaday world for all of us.

The NFSD and the NAD are old friends who have gone to bat for you every blessed time. They need your help. You need their help. Let's go!

Do not forget the forthcoming alumni reunion on the campus of Gallaudet College this summer. It will commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the college. Big doings are on tap. If you can talk the pocketbook into it, our advice is for you to be there with bells on. Wouldn't it be a generous thought and gesture for gobs of superintendents and principals to be there? Think of all the information they could pick up to use in their school work!

The latest wrinkle is being handed out by a large insurance company that does business on a national scale. This company has the idea that the deaf do not need loss of time coverage. That is about the same idea life insurance companies had before the NFSD came along to convince them of their error. You know, they used to think that just because a person was deaf, germs insisted on holding their conventions within him. Well, as we were saying, the deaf do not need any income while they are not able to work! It is perfectly all right for a hearing person to pay for \$300 monthly protection while not working, but the agent gave the impression it was silly to give that to one who could not hear.

Man or boy, we were so riled we almost threw our store teeth in his face. Do you know of any agents any "cuter" than that?

We have been told that deaf motorists have been having their policies turned down for renewal all because of an accident involving a deaf motorist. If that be true, it calls for action.

The NAD is working on the matter of liability insurance for the deaf and out of it good will come, we are certain. Possibly bbb will have a postscript to this.

(*Ted: Acting on the theory that insurance companies might read and appre-*

ciate statistics where fancy words failed to register, the NAD assigned its hard-working Board member, Fred R. Murphy, the task of compiling data on the records of deaf drivers. He scattered questionnaires to the four winds, asking drivers to give the details of their driving careers, and he asked countless people to help distribute the questionnaires. He has received a great number properly filled in, but there are still countless deaf drivers who have never returned the blanks. Anyhow, Mr. Murphy is now assembling figures from the questionnaires and he has informed us that he will soon have a report ready.

During the course of his survey, Mr. Murphy wrote to a great number of insurance firms asking if they accepted deaf applicants for liability insurance, and he was somewhat surprised to find that practically all of them replied affirmatively. Still, we frequently hear of deaf applicants being turned down by insurance agents, so we can only deduct that, while the firms do not discriminate against the deaf, their local agents, eager to maintain a clean record, do discriminate. Upon being shown letters from their firms expressing approval of deaf drivers, some of these agents have reversed themselves. That is all we can add at this time, but please watch for Mr. Murphy's report.—bbb.)

Collier's for March 19 has another excellent article dealing with the public schools. When you feel too lazy to turn on the TV, just roll over on your back, pick up the magazine, then read till you fall asleep.

There exists a Key club (Kiwanis sponsorship) at the Ohio school and a Junior Lions at the Tennessee plant. Who can make it a baby Rotary club?

There will be big doings in Santa Fe in late April when the superintendents and the principals gather there to enjoy New Mexico hospitality such as can be dished out only by Messrs. Hester, Dillon, and associates. We hope we can have a long report about this meeting in our next issue.

We came across an old friend recently in the guise of a story we heard long, long ago. Some of you may not have heard it, so here we are repeating:

A teacher with 40 years of conscientious teaching to his credit retired on a nest egg of \$75,000. You see, it so happened that a wealthy relative had died, willing him \$74,995.

A glance at our bank account convinces us there isn't anything so funny in it, after all.

We drove down to Dallas for the Southwest Athletic Association's basket-



ball tournament. It was highly educational. The committee had done a bang-up job, the visitors were pleased, and the games were hot off the fire. Again, any smart guy who doubts the value of schools for the deaf has only to attend such a gathering and he will be forced to sing another tune.

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Wasn't it nice of the famous Kate Smith to pay tribute to the Ohio Home for the Aged Deaf on one of her television programs? You bet it was.

There is no denying the value of TV as an educational tool. Oklahoma has just sold over \$1.5 million worth of bonds with which to launch a television program in the public schools of the state. We venture the guess that before too many years have passed state schools for the deaf will be sharing this program.

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Just when we have ideas of hanging our typewriter on the wall, just as a baseball player dons his glove, along come some friends to tell us how much they enjoy this silly chatter; they claim it is different from the deep stuff which brings on stomach ulcers. Well, as long as bbb can tolerate us we will stick around to tell you the three R's are doing wonders for our disposition.

Anytime some of you want to let off steam — and who doesn't? — you know where you can do it. Thanks.

— WTC.

## QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

# Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

Qualified Parliamentarian, Member, the National Association of Parliamentarians and the Chicago Association of Parliamentarians



April, 1954

Q. Has the chairman of a committee any right to require a Treasurer to pay him for any time he may have lost from work?—N.H.A.

A. No. The Treasurer is not permitted to pay any bills without the authorization of the assembly.

Q. Has the chairman of a committee in charge of a social affair, or the like, the right to draw on the profits to pay his own wages?

A. NO. Never. Such action must be authorized by the organization *in advance before* this chairman assumes the responsibility of the affair.

Q. Please explain definitely the power of a committee when it is appointed by the President.—B.T.

A. Much misapprehension exists as to the rights of a committee when the assembly delegates *power* to a committee. It should be borne in mind that a committee has no authority except that which is already given to it by a *vote* of the assembly. In other words, the committee has no power to act on any business without a *vote* of the assembly, with the intention of reporting to said

assembly afterwards! Therefore, without the consent or approval of the assembly, a committee cannot make decisions on *anything* — date, place, expenditure for a picnic, social or entertainment and cannot make purchases or even hire the services of a real estate man to find a location for a club or new club house and also, cannot engage an attorney, doctor or the like. Any unauthorized action of a committee is not binding upon the assembly and if the assembly chooses to refuse ratification, it may do so. Any action which is denied ratification by the assembly remains the action of the committee alone who perform it, and not of the assembly. Hence, it is necessary for the committee to consult the club in meeting assembled *before* performing any certain action and state the amount of money to be spent before it (the committee) can proceed to do its specific assignment. Otherwise, the club can reject the committee's report on technicalities and can then place full responsibility (for proceeding without the vote of the assembly) on the said committee. This applies to an executive committee or board as well unless expressly specified in the bylaws of the club. (See Series No. 4—July, 1953 on "Ratification.")

Q. Some members of ..... Club, persist in debating an important resolution without presenting a motion. When they reach a definite decision, a motion is then submitted in order to have it recorded in the minutes. What is the best way to overcome the improper procedure?—J. McG.

A. The Chair should say, "Debate is not in order until a motion is made, seconded, and stated by the Chair."

Q. One of the members of our Club passed away. Will you please write us the correct form of a resolution to be sent to his family.—Secretary M. R. S.

A. You could write something similar to the following, and send it, together with a suitable letter, to the family of the deceased member:

"Whereas We, the members of the ..... Club have learned with regret of the death of Mr. (Mrs. or Miss) .....; and

"Whereas, His (or Her) passing will leave a regrettable vacancy in our organization; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the ..... Club, do hereby express our deep sorrow and offer sympathetic condolence to the bereaved family."

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# Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

## Confirmation

The confirmation group shown on this page are pupils of the Iowa and Nebraska Schools for the Deaf, confirmed on Sunday, November 1st, 1953, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha, by the Rev. Ernest Mappes. Sixteen of these children are from the Iowa School in Council Bluffs and six are from the Nebraska School in Omaha. A large number of parents of these children came to attend the service, and all expressed joy and gratitude that their children could have the privilege of learning these precious truths of God's Word.

In both schools mentioned above, regular weekly instruction in Catechism and Bible lessons are given by the Omaha pastor. The school authorities are always willing and helpful in providing time on certain days when classes may be held. In the Omaha School 111 children attend instruction classes and in Council Bluffs 187. The enthusiasm and interest shown by the children in learning the Bible stories has always been an inspiration to the pastor. God bless the work in all schools wherever it is carried on by ministers and servants of God and His Church.

## The Silent Evangel

Last September the official bulletin of the Christian Deaf Fellowship came out in a brand new dress that was very appealing. Formerly a mimeographed paper, the *Silent Evangel* is now neatly printed on a Davidson offset press purchased by the CDF.

The editor of the *Silent Evangel*, the

Rev. Robert L. Johnson, is in full charge of the printing plant. It has been set up in Cave Springs, Georgia, where he makes his home.

The new press will also be used to print tracts, lesson material, Bible studies, and informative folders.

Copy is set up on an IBM Executive, an electric typewriter, and photographed for printing by offset.

The paper comes but in two colors and is a credit to the Rev. Mr. Johnson, whom we congratulate.

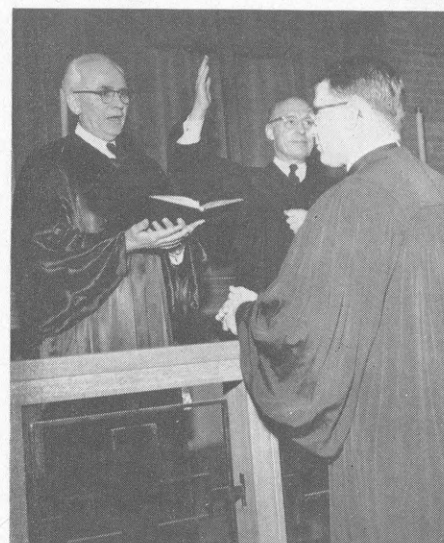
## Seminary Training for the Deaf

The Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas, offers classes in the Bible for the training of Christian workers who are deaf.

Courses in Bible Analysis, Bible by Ages, Evangelism, Personal Work and many other courses are offered. Competent teachers familiar with the sign language will teach the courses to the deaf.

## Generous Gift

The Lutheran Church for the Deaf, of Jacksonville, Illinois, a year ago received a check for \$100 from Albert Olson to be used for a 6 by 10-foot "old rugged Cross" to be hung on the wall of the chapel. The gift was a memorial to his mother, the late Mrs. Hilma Olson, of Galesburg. The check was given to the Rev. N. P. Uhlig, pastor of the church. Little did he or anyone else know that four days later the angel of death would call Mr. Olson through a stroke. He was given a Christian burial.



## New Missionary to the Deaf

On Sunday, December 13, the Rev. Clark R. Bailey was commissioned to work among the Lutheran deaf, Missouri Synod, of the Colorado field.

Pastor Bailey was graduated from the St. Louis Seminary last June and last fall studied the language of signs under the direction of Pastor A. E. Ferber, of Kansas City, Mo.

The Reverend Ernest Mappes, of Omaha, was asked by the Board of Missions to the Deaf to take charge of the commissioning of Pastor Bailey. The accompanying picture shows Pastor Bailey kneeling before Pastor Mappes. In the background is the Rev. Ferber. Pastor Bailey will work at the Colorado School for the Deaf and some other preaching stations.



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# A Message for Deaf Sportsmen

By T. G. Fishler

SOME TIME BACK, when THE SILENT WORKER began publishing for the second time, a column having to do with hunting and fishing for deaf outdoorsmen was included among the various features of the magazine. It was written by Earl Rogerson, then of Ogden, Utah, now of Tucson, Arizona. But it had short duration.

Since there are so many deaf hunters and fishermen, I am sure the column was sorely missed. Recently I put the subject of starting such a column again to B. B. Burnes. He suggested that, insofar as Rogerson had difficulty in securing sufficient material for his outdoor column, I contact deaf acquaintances whom I knew liked to hunt and fish and feel them out as to whether or not a renewal of the column would have reader appeal for SILENT WORKER subscribers. I made the counter suggestion that a message to deaf sportsmen in the magazine would reach far more readers, and 3-B agreed it was a fine idea. The column would appear as available material warranted.

So I'd like to hear from all of you outdoor enthusiasts about your various experiences. This dissemination of information about hunting and fishing technique, kind of equipment used, relations with hearing outdoorsmen in the field, etc., should prove to be mighty interesting. There are a million and one subjects to discuss—kind of footwear preferred, method of hunting deer that is best for hunters without hearing, the sort of campfire companions one prefers, or how one is able to finagle the necessary funds from the little wife for that new rod or rifle. There is no need for you to take precious time off from the task of getting equipment ready for the coming fishing season by sweating over a lengthy article. Then, of course, there is nothing like a good photo or two for proof of the big one that didn't get away. By all means, fellows, do send all the photos you can.

To my way of thinking there is nothing that comes as close to doing so much for the soul as a good gabfest around the leaping flames of a campfire. Heaps of fried potatoes, pork and beans and fresh-dried fish have been stowed away and now, as the campers shift around to more comfortable positions, the food is being topped off with mugs of hot coffee. Ah, coffee! In the outdoors, bubbling merrily over a hot campfire, coffee gives off a tantalizing aroma all its own. And — as the flames leap and die, casting weird shadows — the tired but happy outdoorsmen, sipping the steaming black brew, spin tales both tall and true.

However, scattered all over the country in our various environments, we cannot have this huddle over a campfire. Which is why I see a need for an outdoor column in THE SILENT WORKER in which all our experiences can be passed around. So I want to hear from you fellows.

Wonder how Hunky Hunziker is making out with the bass and bugs down in St. Augustine. Long time no hear. Let's give with the news. I wonder again how the crappies are flapping out on the old Perkins farm back in Morganton. Don't tell me you have forgotten these times.

Then there's Calton James down in Eldridge, California. Caught two salmon (6 and 12 pounds) within sight of the Golden Gate Bridge and now fancies himself a fisherman. For a time the jerk considered canning the fish and sending a couple of cans to me up here — in the "Salmon Capital of the World." He's also offered to teach me how to fish any time I drop by. What's your latest yarn, Cal? Developed any new angles in trick photography lately?

Wish someone would write and tell me about the duck hunting in Louisiana. What I wouldn't give to spend a season in the marshes down there. Next best thing is hearing from someone who's done it. Someone up in Maine might also drop me a line about the deer hunting in his own bailiwick. I hear the land-locked salmon there are tackle-busters. And how about the North Dakota crowd which I hear goes out in sub-zero cold for a few pops at the birds flying in V-formation. Come, come, boys—no need to be so modest! Anton J. Axtman, an old sidekick of yours who now resides in Denver, has tattled on you.

A line from the Seattle crowd would be mighty welcome. How about your famous salmon derby held every September? Ted Ohlson and I fished as partners in the same boat in the 1949 derby. No prize for me, but I had one heck of a good time. And, speaking of Ted, there's a true outdoorsman for you — hunter, fisherman, skier, trapshooter, mountain climber — you name it, he's it. Ted, we could use some of those excellent photos of yours, also accounts of your experiences. Next stop Mt. McKinley?

And now fellow, let me introduce to you the best fly fisherman in all of Colorado, Steve Puzick. We used to do considerable hunting and fishing together. Some day I'll tell you about our elk-hunting trip 12,500 feet up in the Colorado Rockies. Although we drew a blank that trip, the scenery was out



THOMAS G. FISHLER

of this world, and a howling blizzard during the drive back down the twisting narrow mountain road supplied the excitement. Steve, old boy, drop me a line sometime and let me know what I've been missing since heading north last spring. And since you know how to handle a camera, let's have some photos also.

There's a good crowd down in Santa Fe, land of hot frijoles and señoritas, and arm-length trout to hear the crowd down there tell about them. Clingenpeel, Wilkinson, Dillon to name a few. Also Marvin Wolach, who heads the deaf school's rifle team and is making future one-shot deer-slayers out of his young proteges. And, of course, I couldn't overlook the gang in Denver that heads for the hills at every opportunity. Let's hear from you guys.

If you fellows who are followers of the rod and gun are good to me and tell me all about things your way so it can be used in the outdoor column, I promise to tell you all about the steel-head, trout and salmon fishing up here in Ketchikan, Alaska. It's a slow boat that hauls the mail up here from the states, so if you're in a hurry, airmail is the thing. And, by the way, my Box number's 965. Let's get the column out before the opening of fishing season. Thanks a million.

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# INSIDE GREATER CINCINNATI



By Hilbert C. Duning, Publicity Director, 1955 N.A.D. Convention Local Committee

## Much Obligated!

To Bernard Ryder of Dayton, Ohio, for his second banner, measuring approximately 3½ ft. by 10 ft., as shown on this page, which he cleverly created and generously contributed to the 1955 Convention Local Committee. BOY! I wish you could have seen their faces and their mouths open speechless with surprise. We are now proudly hanging the banner in our club rooms for visitors and members to appreciate and remember the big coming event. (As for myself, I take that lass with the winking eye. She looks exactly like Esther Williams! SIGH!)

## The Biggest Affairs for 1954

All-day gigantic outing at Lake Le Sourdsville on Route 4, five miles south of Middletown, Ohio—SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1954—under the co-chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer, members of the Local Committee. Valuable awards will be given, such as:

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**NOTE for vacationists:** If you happen to pass through Middletown or Cincinnati at this time, why not join us at the Lake and give us a big boost for the 1955 convention?

For further information write to or see Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer, 3310 Maplecrest Avenue, Cincinnati 9, Ohio.

The second outstanding and special affair has been already arranged to take place in Columbus, Ohio, on October 23, 1954, in charge of Casper Jacobson, program chairman of the 1955 convention, and Frank Boldizar, vice president of the Ohio Federation of Organizations of the Deaf, both veterans in this type of social activity. This will be a gigantic Diamond Jubilee Extravaganza given in conjunction with plans for our Diamond Jubilee Convention in 1955. Big advertising will appear shortly. We are counting on you all to make the attendance at this special feature a new record high! It has been rumored that nearly all deaf Greater

Cincinnatians will be there, too.

## Nice Compliment

On a recent business trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, I took occasion to inspect the Tennessee School for the Deaf with Supt. William McClure and Uriel C. Jones, principal of the Vocational Department. What struck me as the nicest compliment was that Supt. McClure firmly believes that the year 1955 will witness record-breaking attendance at the Convention. Thanks, Supt. McClure!

## Buzz—Buzz

All the local committee members are right now humming with their own preparations for the Convention.

• A registration card is being designed by this writer for Miss Pearl Daulton, chairman of the registration committee—something the likes of which you have never seen before.

• A more detailed tentative program is now being discussed between Mrs. Hilbert C. Duning, chairman of entertainment, and Casper Jacobson, program chairman—with emphasis on your entertainment.

• Expensive and highly useful sample souvenirs are now being shown to the committee for selection by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer of the banquet committee—a treasure you will always value.

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• William Goodpastor of the advertising committee is tearing his hair trying to decide the quota for an advertising agency and promises us details later. (Bill, you can glue that torn hair together for the Convention. Or for the pretty lassies?)

• Through the tireless efforts of Corresponding Secretary Grayson, the personnel of the honorary advisory committee has already been selected and is now ready for our new letterhead. This committee is composed of thirteen hearing men — well known and most prominent in the city and state.

• Only one nationally known speaker is being considered for the Convention. The "hot air" will have to go out! Our first aim is more NAD business and more entertainment for *you all* to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee!

• Mrs. Bacheberle, Miss Helen Healey, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bender, James Frazer, Gus Straus, and Miss Ann Garretson have more plans arranged to keep our convention fund growing.

• Plans for the Convention are really shaping up at a fast rate!

#### Go-Getter or Globe Trotter

This writer is planning to attend the 10th Annual AAAD Basketball Tournament in Kansas City on April 1, 2 and 3 and the national convention of the American Institute of Architects in Boston June 15-19, both for the purpose of meeting deaf people and urging them to attend the great convention in 1955.

Leroy Duning, chairman of the Local Committee and my younger brother, rightfully takes pride in his able management! We know there have been a lot of mistakes and heartaches, but we just shrug them off and go on to the next bigger things. And Leroy nods in agreement.

Be writing you in forthcoming issues.



## ken's korner

By Marcus L. Kenner

*"A sound a little higher graded —  
Perhaps upon a stone a chiseled name;  
A dab of printer's ink soon blurred and faded  
And then oblivion — that, that is fame."*

Can you imagine a more thankless task than serving as the responsible head of an organization, — anyone for that matter? Men are elected or appointed to perform certain work for a worthy cause. They apply themselves unselfishly. In fact, they give more time than they should. They crave some co-operation but get unjustified criticism and abuse. Verily, the paths of those who ascend to the so-called "mountain heights" are not strewn with roses. Henry Watterson, the great journalist, saw life, history, and human forgetfulness, all too clearly. And then he humbly added — *"that, that is fame."* So it seems.

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Now and then, a deaf person, way past school age, crosses our path. How come? Well, his parents just *did not know* of the existence of any School for the Deaf; hence, the unfortunate one remained uneducated — and in this, supposedly, enlightened age! During the NAD Detroit Convention, 1920, it was my privilege to introduce a resolution, urging the enactment of State legislation whereby physicians and medical practitioners be required to report to the Board of Education (or constituted authority) *each and every case of deafness among children 16 years of age and under*, met within the course of their practice. A number of States have enacted this into law, but, it apparently has remained sort of a "dead letter." Obviously, it is up to all State Associations to press for an "enabling act" that will put teeth into said law, making it enforceable.

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Buzzzzz! How do you regularly awake and shine in the morning? All sorts of contraptions are on the market, ranging in price from a couple of dollars to around \$100. All are "guaranteed" to start clanging hard enough to vibrate our creaky bones and rouse us from slumberland at a desired time. Quite many are interested in hearing of the latest. What have you got to offer, Mr. Advertiser?

Come with me, friend. Take a backward glance—will you?—and, figuratively, behold the journalistic graveyard of some dozen or more publications of the deaf! They started out with a "blare of trumpets" (sure, they fell on deaf ears) and after an expenditure of time, toil, sweat, and dollars, came to a pitiful end. *Sic transit gloria mundi!* . . . as they say.

I am loath to believe that the deaf, as a class, are disinclined to support *their own* publications. It would be a sad commentary on their intelligence, — if true. The need for a national organ, like our SILENT WORKER, to be our collective "voice" and present our united cause, should be perfectly obvious. Yet, we are told that there are only about 2,450 subscribers, out of a total of some 100,000 deaf in the U.S.A.!

Man, — if I could but make this cold type SCREAM, maybe I'd be able to penetrate the complacency of those who "don't care"! I am sufficiently a realist to believe that if each one of us would *obtain just one (1) single new subscriber, the required number of subscriptions could quickly be reached*. Are you imaginative enough to see that it can be done — but not without your personal help? As for our *present* subscribers, perhaps the following anonymous verses, apropos, will win unanimous approval:

*"How dear to my heart is the  
steady subscriber,  
Who pays in advance at the birth  
of each year;  
Who lays down the money and does it  
quite gladly,  
And casts round the office a halo  
of cheer."*

*He never says: 'Stop it; I cannot  
afford it,  
I'm getting more papers now than I  
can read';  
But always says: 'Send it; our deaf  
all like it —  
In fact, we all think it is a help  
and a need.'*

*How welcome his check when it reaches  
our sanctum,  
How it makes our pulse throb; how it  
makes our heart dance;  
We outwardly thank him; we inwardly  
bless him . . .  
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## IOWA . . .

Recent newlyweds who are now living in Des Moines include Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harlan (Dorothy Dundon) of Belmar, New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tuttle. Mrs. Tuttle is the former Patricia Dorsey of Sioux City and Gallaudet ex-'57. Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Hayward, who were married in November, are at home on a farm near Tama, where Rod has been right-hand man for his parents since leaving ISD last year. His bride, a lovely Kentucky belle, is the former Coreen Brock of Saylor, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blue and three children, rented their house in Des Moines early this year and are now residing at Riverside, Calif. Their second son, Jack, who attends ISD, will complete his school year here before joining the family in California.

Early in March, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buettner left Des Moines to make their home in Jacksonville, Illinois. The Hertzberg Craftsmen, a firm which had employed Al for 24 years, moved to that city and were anxious to keep him with them. Peggy and Al, who have long been active in our church, social, and fraternal activities, will be keenly missed and their many friends here wish them well in their new home in Illinois.

Friends of Mrs. Hugh Courter of Boone, Iowa, will welcome the news that she is recovering nicely at home after undergoing major surgery late in February. The Courters' son Lloyd is now attending Iowa University at Iowa City and daughter Mary is a senior student in the Boone High School.

We all envy Willie Young, who has been making a leisurely trip East, first to Philadelphia then to Florida, and recent postals are marked Cuba.

Alfred Chandler of Flagstaff, Arizona, stopped over briefly in Des Moines when he brought sister Martha back to Ladora, Iowa. She had been at the Chandler home helping care for the new baby son born to Marguerite and Alfred, who also have two daughters of school age.

Mrs. Angel Acuna (Darlene Darrah) is now teaching in the Academic Department of the Arizona School for the Deaf.

Gerald Froehle is general chairman for the Second Annual Individual Bowling Tournament to be held at Central Alleys April 17. This year the first prize has been upped to \$100 and about 40 bowlers are expected to enter. A social evening following the tournament will be held at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanson of Council Bluffs, who spent their winter vacation in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas, are still

recounting the highlights of their visit and we fear they will forsake Iowa for the sunny clime.

Recently a series of programs concerning the deaf has been given every Saturday night over radio station KSO, Des Moines. A number of deaf people have taken part, as well as friends and relatives of the deaf. The object is to enlighten the general public as to the most beneficial method of educating the deaf, in defense of the combined system and the language of the signs rather than the oral method as is stressed in a day school in Des Moines.

## KANSAS . . .

The Kansas boys beat the Oklahoma boys in a basketball game at Sulphur, Okla., on February 13. At the game from Wichita were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Koehn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Geier, and Richard Gallardo. They all attended a party sponsored by the Sulphur Club of the Deaf.

Doris Heil of Wichita flashed a beautiful diamond engagement ring recently given her by Merle Rader, also of Wichita. They have not yet announced their wedding date. Congratulations.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier of Wichita one Sunday in February were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dibble and Mr. and Mrs. George Denton.

Mrs. E. A. Burch, of Olathe, spent two months in a Gardner, Kans., hospital with heart ailment. She is now at home recovering slowly.

The Wichita Frats were hosts to a Washington Birthday party at the hall of the Wichita Club of the Deaf on February 27th. Ham, bacon and two boxes of candy were the prizes won by the bingo winners. Lively games kept the visitors busy all evening and a good time was had by all. Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Watkins, of Woodward, Okla., were the weekend guests of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Beene Watkins of Wichita, and were brought to the party.

On Feb 27th, St Mary's Church in Kansas City, Kansas was the scene of the wedding of Miss June J. Rubeling and Mr. William Marra, both of the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe. They will be at home to their friends in Olathe, after June 1st. Both are graduates of the Kansas School and Mr. Marra is a graduate of Gallaudet College. May they have a long happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malm of Topeka are beaming around nowadays. They became grandparents of identical twin boys, born to their son and wife, ET/1c Robert T. Malm and Mrs. Malm of Washington, D.C., on January 21st. The twins will be known as Michael Gass and Robin Gene Malm.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barthel celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary some time in February. Their children and families were there for the celebration.

Mrs. Joe Malm of Topeka had a letter from John Wagner at a sanitarium at Norton, not long ago. John is feeling so much better and really appreciated all the cards from his friends all over.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Grier of Wichita became grandparents for the fifth time on March 9th. A boy was born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grier, also of Wichita.

Lee Watkins, of Newton, was one of the 39 full time members of the Harvey County, Kansas highway department who received certificates of service recently. Mr. Watkins was the oldest employee in service with a record of 27 years and 6 months. He was laid up in a hospital with surgery at the time of the certificate award presentation at a banquet, so the county engineer presented him his award in the hospital. Mr. Watkins drives a 12-ton truck, hauling gravel and sand equipment. He started to work again April 1.

Mrs. Georgianna Brown and family are living in a three-bedroom house which she purchased in Wichita. They are happy in it as it provides more room for them.

The Master Corporation of Wichita has dissolved for good. It once had in its employment thirteen deaf people. At the time of dissolution it had four deaf men, besides some hearing men. We are glad to say that these four deaf men have since found other employment.

## WISCONSIN . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Herkowski (nee Bernice Chrostowski) are the proud parents of a son, Thaddeus, Jr., born March 3, 1954. Mr. Herkowski is a custodian of the Milwaukee Silent Club, and has been one several years.

Mrs. Frank Hanke, nee Peggy Ludlow, and her parents motored to Florida via Ludlow, Kentucky, which is opposite Cincinnati, Ohio. They were gone about three weeks. Mr. Ludlow, Peggy's father, is owner of real estate in Ludlow, the town being named after their ancestors years ago.

All members of the Milwaukee Silent Club were happy when their basketball team won the CAAD championship.

A large crowd of Catholic deaf attended the lectures of the Rev. David Walsh of Detroit, Michigan, at the Johnston Hall, next door to the Cesu Church in Milwaukee. Rev. Walsh was in Milwaukee, lecturing every evening from February 28th to March 7th. Rev. Walsh, an expert in the sign language, also spoke for the hearing members of the audience. Rev. L. Murphy of the St. John Catholic School in Milwaukee was in Cincinnati, Ohio, giving lectures in that town while Rev. Walsh was in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Horgen, of Madison, Mr. Rasmus of Waterloo, Wis., and Miss Pearl Goff of Delavan, traveled to Milwaukee to attend a special meeting of the officers of the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf, held at the Milwaukee Silent Club.

## COLORADO . . .

On February 24th, Mrs. Peter Livshis, of Arvada, Colo., (a few miles northwest of Denver) returned from one and one-half months' visit in Chicago. In her luggage were five reels of movies loaned her by friends who were disappointed that Mr. Livshis was not with her in Chicago. Their idea was that if he could not be there, they would go to him "by proxy," that is, via movies of themselves. This

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was a most unusual and thoughtful process. They were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spater. Not having a projector of their own, the Livshis asked Russell DeHaven to come along with his, thus it developed into a Thursday night movie party, the same night when TV "Big Town" gave a half hour program wherein a deaf man was a principal character.

This coincidence was followed by another, the night, too, was the host's birthday. The guests were unaware of it until it was almost over, when Mr. Max Carr, a former Chicagoan, recalled the date and spoke forth.

The movies were exclusively of the activities of the American Lipreaders Club, taken from 1947 to 1952. It is an independent group of lipreaders who have attended high schools and colleges and was started twelve years ago by the host, Peter Livshis, who was its first president. In the latest reel was the 10th anniversary banquet, the most colorful they ever had. The movie guests were impressed by the great number of lipreaders in Chicago and the unlimited social enjoyment evidenced by them in the flickers.

Those who were at the Livshis home for the movies were Mr. and Mrs. Max Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamminga, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Castaline, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Votaw, Miss Ione Dibble and Russell DeHaven, most of whom are experienced lipreaders. A funny coincidence was brought up by Harriett Votaw when she noticed that only three were native Coloradans. Mr. Castaline hails from Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Castaline, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Max Carr, Chicago; Mrs. Carr, Nebraska; Miss Dibble, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. Livshis, Illinois; Harriett Votaw and Russ DeHaven, Missouri.

A genuine Italian spaghetti dinner was served at the Silent Athletic Club of Denver on Saturday night, March 21. Emilia O'Toole and her mother, Mrs. DeSantis, with the help of Lorraine Schmidt, Julia Billings, Marlene Hinrichs, and Lorraine Bell, served to a capacity crowd of 60 diners. Following the dinner a program of color slides was shown by Dick Anderson, Herb Votaw, and Rea Hinrichs. Movies of the Elstad-Cuscaden wedding and the Cuscaden-Propp (Omaha) wedding, as well as the DeSantis-O'Toole wedding, were shown.

## GEORGIA . . .

Corporal punishment has been banned in the Georgia schools for the deaf and the blind, following the alleged severe whipping of a 12-year-old boy at the Academy for the Blind in Macon. The boy's mother brought him to a meeting of the State Board of Education; his body covered with welts and bruises showed he had been cruelly beaten. Two officers of the school were dismissed and given jobs elsewhere. The case caused quite a furore and comment poured in from all sides. It was even reviewed on a TV panel. In approving the transfer of the two officials involved, Gov. Talmadge expressed the hope it would end the controversy, and that "They'll stop beating children at the deaf and blind schools." The governor also said he favored a proposed legislative act to prohibit corporal punishment at all state institutions for the handicapped. Georgia has learned to control hardened criminals without beating them, but sad to say—and to the shame of Georgia—it has permitted it in the deaf and blind schools. We would like to know how other states stand on this subject.

Clyde Graham, of Baltimore, Md., was a recent guest of the J. F. Ponders. He owns his own plane and was winging his way down to New Orleans to see the Mardi-Gras, which he had attended to do several times. Clyde is a native of Washington state where he graduated from the Vancouver school. He is an old friend of Mrs. Ponders as she once taught in the same school. He is now employed at the Baltimore *Sun* where he has been for the past ten years.

Gone a-visiting, Miss Lona Holland to Denver, Colorado, and Miss Margaret Perdue to Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Burton Bridges from Florida has been here to visit her sick mother, who is now much improved.

Mrs. Maxine Arnovitz had the misfortune to lose her purse and contents, including \$45, which was stolen from her locker in the store where she is employed.

The John Stallings home, also occupied by the Staten Taylors, has been purchased by the city and will be razed to make way for the new expressway going south. The Stallings and Taylors are now looking for a new location.

## VIRGINIA . . .

A surprise housewarming was given in honor of the Ernest Winborne family in February. Hostesses were Marie Ragland, Elsie Thorpe, and Mary Anne Lawson. A goodly crowd was present to compliment the Winbornes and many useful gifts were tendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dickinson and children of Portsmouth, Va., journeyed to Blue Ridge for a week end with relatives during early March; mid-March found Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Christian of Arlington visiting relatives in Buena Vista. The Ralph Kisers of VSDB were in Waynesboro sometime ago for a get-together with the Clyde Cooks and Earl Peters. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yates, Jr. recently entertained as week end guests Miss Meda Scott and Miss Jean Folsom, both of Washington, D.C.

The Virginia School for the Deaf, Staunton, won second place in the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament held at Morganton, N.C., the second weekend of March. Mississippi walked off with first place trophy.

Miss Meda Scott of Washington, D.C., and Frank Hutchinson, printing instructor at the VSDB have announced their engagement and plan an August wedding. Their many friends were delighted at the news and want to congratulate them and wish them happiness.

Jerold Grizzle of Charlottesville is a frequent visitor in Staunton. He was noted among the crowd at VSDB March 5th enjoying the movie "Destination Tokyo" which was shown to the pupils at the school through the courtesy of Tom Sebrell.

Staunton friends of Mrs. Alden C. Ravn of the Illinois School are grieved to learn of her illness and hope that she will soon be well again.

Visitors at the home of John Alexander, Jr., of Stuarts Draft, during March were Miss Clara Adams and her three sisters of Charlottesville. John's Aunt Sallie celebrated her

80th birthday on March 8th and received numerous gifts and cards with FOUR birthday cakes.

The Robert Harpers of Bedford played hosts at a gala housewarming for the Nat Waldrons not long ago and the couple were showered with lovely household items by the more than fifty friends who attended the festivities.

Jeff Lawson, Jr., is a mighty busy man these days running his printing business and doing some remodeling on his farm home. Mrs. Lawson helps out part-time at the shop and their little son attends a nursery school.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roop of Vinton were recent week-end house guests of the Olin Creasy's of Buena Vista. A group of friends dropped in for a gay supper, buffet style, on March 13th and the next day the Roops and the Creasys drove up to Staunton for a brief surprise visit with the Jeff Lawsons.

An afternoon at the Lawsons' newly-purchased farm was enjoyed one recent Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Strickler of Charlottesville, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bass, of the VSDB, and Mrs. Tom Sebrell, also of VSDB. They all had fun; people always enjoy a visit to the country!

Among the spectators at the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cherry, Jr., of Norfolk. They journey quite often to Richmond for shopping and business purposes and manage to visit their friends at the same time.

Stieny Thorpe of Staunton has traded in his Plymouth and is now driving a bright red convertible, a Dodge.

A baby daughter came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bussard of Deerfield during February. We did not learn the date nor the name of the little miss but friends everywhere are pleased to learn of the baby's arrival.

## OREGON . . .

Oregon has been conspicuous by its absence from the news lately. 'Tis all due to the death of the father of our reporter, Mrs. Kenneth Welch, who made a hurried plane trip east and was away three months. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. Welch and her immediate family and a hearty welcome back to our little family of correspondents.

There are many signs of prosperity among the deaf of Oregon these days. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bearman are driving a 1954 Chevrolet and are believed to be the very first among local folk to acquire a new car. Dot and Merle Bochard have bought a cute little cottage southeast of Portland and no happier couple

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is to be found hereabouts these days. The urge to become property owners has at last bitten the K. F. Welch's and they have bought a good-sized piece of land upon which they plan to build a home of their very own. Blueprints have already been drawn up and, as soon as the rainy weather subsides, the Welch's will be deep in the throes of erecting their dream house. Friends are very happy for them and are just as anxiously awaiting the laying of the house's foundation.

Mrs. Herman Baim and her cute little daughter, Louise, have departed on a trip to Chicago where they will visit family and friends. Papa Baim remains at home, a lonely bachelor, until his wife and daughter return West again.

Our popular young man about town, Bob Jones, informs us that he is about to take the "plunge" at long, long last. Bob departs the end of March for New York City and, if his plans pan out, he will return with a cute little New Yorker as his bride. Congratulations and good luck, Bob.

Sara and Chester Beers have bought themselves a trailer and they plan to do extensive traveling this summer. Most of their plans center around Detroit and other eastern cities.

It is another boy at the home of the John Pattersons in Vancouver. Just what they wanted! The James McGuires tell us that they are anxiously awaiting the birth of a third grandchild very soon.

Our sympathy to Mrs. Caldwell upon the loss of her beloved husband recently and to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, whose six-month-old grandson died not long ago.

Carl Johnson's little grandson met with an auto accident recently but we are happy to report that the little fellow is coming along fine at present.

Surprise birthday parties were given this month to Ginny Brown and to Agnes Moreau. Both gatherings were highly enjoyable to all of us and Ginny and Agnes especially.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cameron have just completed their beautiful and very large ranch type home and look forward to filling it up with quite a few offspring. They already have one child and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of another baby in July. The Camerons subscribe to the theory that large families are happy families and no one disagrees with them.

On the sick list this month is Mrs. Pearl Spieler. Blood pressure has laid Pearl low for quite a while and latest reports have it that she is making slow but sure progress on the road to health again. Mrs. Switzer suffered a fractured leg in a recent accident at home, too.

Our NFSD Auxiliary is growing by leaps

and bounds. New officers for the coming year are: Zelma Hokanson, president; Mrs. James Drake, vice-president; Gloria Skalicky, secretary; and Louise Van Roekle, treasurer.

There's going to be something "big" taking place in May. May Ethel Slothower is putting all her energy into making the Fifth Anniversary of the Rose City Club an event never to be forgotten. A gala dance is planned with the hiring of a "name" band to furnish the music . . . and FREE refreshments. Be on the look-out for the grand "binge."

Mrs. Riechle has bade a reluctant good-bye to Portland for the next three months. She headed south to San Francisco.

Newcomers to Portland are Bob and Berta Guerre, erstwhile of Oakland, Calif. People hereabouts find the young couple and their baby very charming and are hoping that they will like us well enough to make their home here permanently.

There is no end to the hospitality of the Chester Beers! Sara recently entertained with a Spaghetti Party and those who attended tell us that there is nothing in this world quite like Sara's spaghetti. Her recipe is a secret which she guards closely . . . all we know is that it came from Italy, where folks really know how to make spaghetti.

## CALIFORNIA . . .

Birth announcements were dropped into our mail box one after another the other week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Davis of Rivera announce the arrival of Eulah Raychel on March 15th and the Elmer Longs of Manhattan Beach welcomed the baby daughter they wanted (and the sister little Pinky, age 8, had hoped for) on February 21. Elmer and Noreen have named the baby Paula Dale. Frank and Elberta Davis also have one other child, little Bobby, age 2, and he seems perfectly willing to relinquish the spotlight to his new sister. Another baby, whose arrival has been anxiously awaited by all of us, came to bless the home of Harold and Dolores Wolff of Downey on March 12th. 'Tis a boy, Robert Marlin by name, and Dolores tells us that he weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces. The baby is their first and the young couple are so happy it makes all of us happy just to look at them.

A bit of late news reached us just as we made the deadline. Margie Klugman wanted us to know about the lovely party, a Formal Tea, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mebane at the home of Ruth and Roger Skinner March 7th. We missed out on the party and look forward to meeting the Mebanes very soon. Fifty persons gathered at the Skinner home that afternoon to greet the Mebanes, who were married the day after Christmas in New Orleans. Mrs. Mebane is the former Peggy McCray, a native of New Orleans, and Ralph hails from Wilkes Barre, Pa. Both are graduates of the Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis. Ruth and Roger, as well as the rest of us, are hoping that the newcomers will make their home here permanently. Right now they are residing in Inglewood near the Northrop Aeronautical Institute, where Ralph is completing a course in engineering.

One of the nicest housewarmings of late was tendered Ed and Evelyn Preston by Charlotte Cowan and Cecile Fiedler March 14th at the Prestons new home in Monterey Park. Friends from everywhere appeared at the gathering and exclaimed with pleasure at the lovely home which is situated on a small hill and commands a beautiful view of the surrounding countryside. It is almost as if the Preston home was located out in the country; the nearby hills and green slopes appear most un-cityfied, to use Margie Klugman's description.

That game "Scrabble" is sweeping the local countryside, at least among the deaf of Los Angeles and vicinity. Herb and Loel Schreiber seem to have started the craze and the Alvin

Klugmans were introduced to the game one evening at the Schreiber home. Now, the Klugmans spend almost every evening at the fascinating pastime. In case you are interested, it is no easy job to secure one of the games; we know because we've looked all over Long Beach for a set. If anyone knows where we can find one, we'd appreciate the information. Our friends tell us that you must have quite a large vocabulary to engage in the amusing game . . . you think we can qualify?

Mrs. Mamie Runkle of Texas (either Ft Worth or Dallas, we never have decided which) was a gay and interested visitor to Southern California during February and March. Guest of the Dunnigans in El Monte, Mamie managed to see almost everyone and everything in the four short weeks she spent in our midst. She flew out by plane just in time to take the Far West Basketball Tournament in Long Beach and spent the rest of her time renewing old friendships with local Texas, the Harvey Welch's, the Joe M. Parks, the Virgil Grimes, Maurice Vogels, and dozens of others. Mamie departed in late March for home upon the insistence of her children who missed their gay and lively mother and who perhaps feared Mamie would stay in California indefinitely unless they insisted she return. Come again, Mamie, we enjoyed your visit as much as we hope you did.

Herb and Loel Schreiber hit the road for San Francisco March 20 in that new 1954 Plymouth Loel recently acquired. Loel was enjoying a week's vacation and Herb the first of his annual two weeks. They promised to drop us a card from the Mark but nary a word so far, probably having too much fun, eh? Ambitious and hard-working, the two of them really deserve a change of scenery.

The 1954 FAAD Tournament out here in Long Beach was successful far beyond our wildest dreams. The proceeds are not in yet but a rough estimate has it that Long Beach will pocket around a thousand dollars with some \$250 going to the FAAD coffers. Though the tournament is long-gone, the memory lingers on and letters continue to come in from all over the country offering congratulations. Hugh Cusack, AAAD Prexy, was so delighted that he forthwith gave his permission to call him "Hugh" and now addresses us as "Jerry"; BBBurnes of THE SILENT WORKER and the NAD is still kicking himself around Berkeley and Oakland because he and Caroline didn't board a plane south for the tourney; and ditto Harry Jacobs of the NWAAD, whose Oakland boys took the Northwest championship; Troy Hill of the SWAAD helped a lot with encouraging letters prior to the tournament and being chairman of the Dallas tournament; Troy gave us quite a boost in morale prior to the big event. Charles Whisman, AAAD vice-president, now writes urging us to take over future tournaments. Oh, golly, we should live so long.

All the teams won trophies; most valuable player award from Helm's Athletic Foundation went to George Fuller of Los Angeles. All Stars included Delbert Boese, Charles Bronder, George Fuller, all of Los Angeles; Clyde Russell of Tucson, and Paul Loveland of Salt Lake City. Beautiful trophies were awarded the boys elected all-stars and special trophies were presented to those making up the honorable mention list: Aurelio Garibay and Ralph Violante of Long Beach, Angel Acuna and Elwin Slade of Tucson, and Dwight Holmes of Hollywood. The FAAD donated a perpetual trophy which went to Los Angeles and the team which wins it three straight years will get to keep it permanently. Second and fourth place trophies were donated by the Los Angeles and Hollywood Clubs and the 5th and 6th place awards by the Los Angeles Frats and Aux-Frats.

Members of the tournament committee were pretty worn out long before the tourney

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ended. The stage show at the LBCD afterward was cancelled at the last minute due to aching feet and frayed tempers. However, the incomparable Caligiuri kept the audience in stitches with his antics and, following the trophy presentations, the committee lined up on the stage for something special which turned out to be a surprise to the tournament chairman. Not only did Chairman Geraldine Fail receive a huge gardenia corsage from her friends but also a huge florist box full of American Beauty roses from the Long Beach Club. As if that was not enough, the committee appeared with a special award, a big trophy for Jerry and John engraved with the words "To Jerry and John, co-chairmen of the highly-successful 1954 FAAD Tournament, Long Beach, California, February 26-27, 1954, from The Committee." Both were literally knocked off their feet and needless to say, neither one of them was of much use the rest of the evening though the tournament visitors made merry until dawn of Sunday.

Retiring FAAD President Connie L. Marchione introduced the new 1955 FAAD officials: Frank Sladek of Tucson, presiding; George Elliott of Los Angeles, vice-president; and Herb Schreiber of Los Angeles, who was elected to a second term as secretary-treasurer. The retiring vice-president was Leonard J. Meyer of Los Angeles.

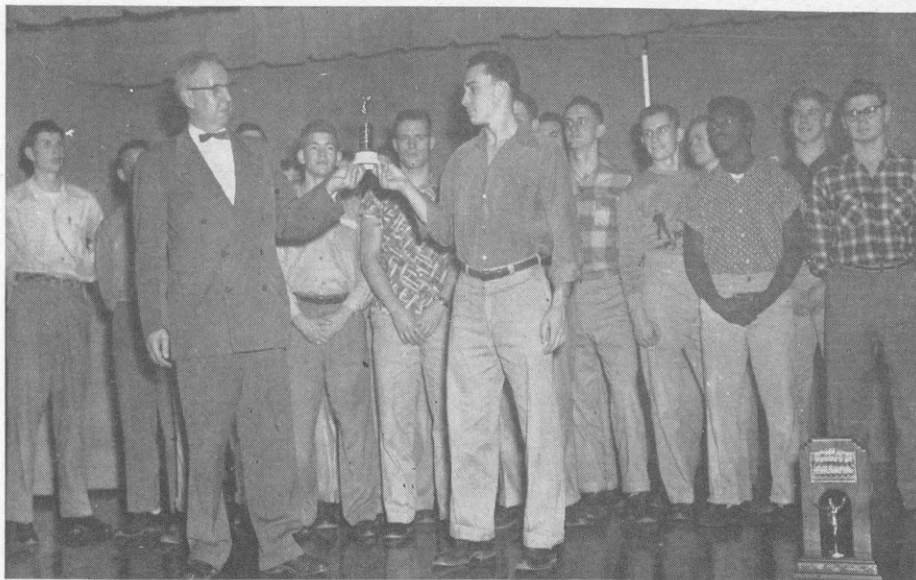
Asked how she managed to make such a huge success out of the 1954 tournament in Long Beach, Chairman Geraldine Fail attributed it all to two important factors: FIRST, a hard working and cooperative committee and, SECOND, advertising. Chairmen of coming tournaments should heed her advice—it really does pay to advertise—and the best way to do that is via the pages of THE SILENT WORKER. Special rates are available so, Tucson and Hollywood, please take notice. And you too, Los Angeles, for your 1955 Nationals.

Now, let us turn our attention to Tucson, Arizona, the site of the 1955 FAAD games. With Don Neumann as chairman, Tucson will play host to the six FAAD teams next February and plans are already under way to make the next FAAD tournament even bigger and better. We'll keep you informed of all progress and Mr. Neumann promises to contribute Tucson news regularly during the coming year.

Jay Ponce, who rose to fame with his spectacular playing with the Long Beach boys the past basketball season, announces that he is entering the real estate field with his sister in Wilmington, California. Jay holds down a job at North American Aviation and wants his friends to know of her new undertaking with which he hopes to be of service during his spare time. Jay will handle insurance and, next year income taxes, and hopes eventually to help us with auto insurance. Keep Jay in mind, folks.

Two other young men who have been of valuable assistance to the deaf lately are Charles and Robert Mephram, who have established law offices in downtown Los Angeles. Their services are already very much in demand and, being children of deaf parents, both Charles and Robert are experts at sign language.

Miss Mae Lee, erstwhile of Detroit, laid them in the aisles at the Los Angeles Club the night of March 20 when Lou Dyer staged his "Toast of the Town" show to a huge audience. A "looker" by all standards, Miss Lee startled everyone at the end of "her" act by



Gardy Rodgers of the Kansas School for the Deaf, chosen football Player of the Year, receives the SILENT WORKER trophy from Supt. Stanley Roth, as his teammates look on. Plaque at lower right was given by the school in recognition of the honors bestowed on the 1953 team.

doffing her beautiful blonde wig and disclosing the fact that "she" was none other than young Don Stottler. Saddest man in town that night was the "wolf" who bet fifty bucks that he could date the beautiful "Miss Lee." Never was there a more deflated "stage door Johnny" when Don whipped off his masquerade. He fooled us all, he really did!

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Skinner entertained friends at a formal tea at their lovely home out on 93rd Place in Los Angeles the afternoon of Sunday, March 7th from 3 to 6. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mebane and the gathering was very enjoyable.

The 9th Annual Farwest Tournament in Long Beach was too much for Luther B. Harris. Luther suffered a stroke outside the gym entrance during the final championship game Saturday night and was rushed unconscious to Seaside Hospital in Long Beach where he was placed in an oxygen tent. At this writing, Luther is resting quietly and it is hoped that he will be up and around again very soon.

Mrs. Mary Benedict of Sylvester, N.Y., made a long journey to California early in the winter which has just been reported to this department. Leaving New York the last week in October by bus, she stopped first in Chicago for a visit with Mrs. Harrison Leiter, her former schoolmate at the Mt. Airy school. She next visited Salt Lake City, Reno, and Sacramento, before ending her trip at San Diego for a long visit with her friend, Mrs. Clyde Houze, also a product of the Mt. Airy school. In November they motored to Riverside, along with Mrs. Wilbur Gledhill, Nora Simpson, and James Lloyd, to witness the dedication of the new California school at Riverside. There they met the son of two of their other Mt. Airy schoolmates, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fauth. Mrs. Benedict left shortly before Christmas by American Airlines, her first flight, and arrived home in time to welcome her son, Bill Ensworth, home from one of the bases in Texas.

Some friends of our departed Alice Terry have made a brass plaque reading:

#### ALICE T. TERRY MEMORIAL ROOM

to be placed over the door of the Alice Terry Memorial Room of the California Home for Aged Deaf. These friends are local and San Francisco Bay District, thus representing both the North and the South of our state. Mrs. Willa Dudley, President of the Board of Man-

agers of the Home, placed the plaque. The room is furnished with the furnishings of Alice's bedroom.

Mrs. Frank W. Kelley of San Francisco hopped a TWA liner last fall for Nutley, N.J., and a two months' visit with her two sons and their families. She also visited the Orange Silent Club, of which she was once a member, and she was entertained at a number of parties arranged in her honor by her old friends. She returned home on Feb. 26.

#### OHIO . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pettypiece of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, spent several weeks in Cincinnati visiting Mrs. Pettypiece's sister, Mrs. Homer Toms. They arrived February 3 and left late in March making the trip by plane both ways. Mrs. Pettypiece attended the Cincinnati Oral School and graduated from the school at Columbus, so she is well known hereabouts. Mr. Pettypiece is a retired Canadian postal clerk with a record of some 50 years of service.

The couple was entertained well during their visit here. On February 12, Mrs. Toms gave a dinner for them and invited a number of localites, among them Wylie Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Watters, the Clarence Benders, the F. O'Briens, the Albert Benders, the Jack Parsons, and Mr. and Mrs. William Barrowcliff. A very pleasant evening was spent renewing friendship and recalling the joys of bygone days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons entertained Mr. and Mrs. Pettypiece at their home a week later with much the same group being present and with the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Brien was the scene of another gay party for the Canadian visitors but, due to some kind of a mix-up, the guests of honor were unable to attend. Those invited, however, managed to have themselves a very good time though they regretted the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Pettypiece.

The Rev. August J. Staubit, pastor of the Cameron Methodist Church for the Deaf, played "host" to a number of pesky germs during February with the result that he was unable to conduct services at the church for several weeks. His illness forced him and Mrs. Staubit to miss much of the entertaining in honor of their friends and fellow-Canadians,

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Miss June Jaunice Rubeling of Parsons, Kansas, became the bride of William J. Marra, Olathe, Kansas, on February 27 in a ceremony at St. Mary's Church of Kansas City, with the Rev. Thomas K. O'Connor officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a navy blue wool gabardine suit with white accessories and a white camellia corsage. Miss Filomena Del Percio, her niece, was maid of honor. Mr. Edward Trzok was best man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Marra were graduates of the Kansas School for the Deaf and are employed at the school. Mr. Marra is also a graduate of Gallaudet College. Mr. and Mrs. Marra are at home at 714 East Park, Olathe.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettypiece. At this writing, Rev. Staubitz has regained his health and is once more conducting his services at the church and is also making missionary trips outside the city.

Much to the regret of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morgan have packed up and departed for Knoxville with their two likeable young sons. Henry "The Pirate" hopes to obtain employment in Knoxville so they can be near their relatives there. Henry was a Linotype operator on the night shift at the Cincinnati *Post* for several years and friends cannot help but hope that the Morgans will return to Cincinnati eventually.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melampy are brimming over with enthusiasm regarding their recent trip to Florida and are regaling their friends with tales of their experiences down there. The trip, taking up almost three weeks, was to Miami via bus and they met numerous friends and acquaintances in the Florida City. Their Florida vacation was a sort of "graduation" gift from John's boss, Clarence Brown, in ap-

preciation of his many years of faithful work on the paper, the *Lebanon Western Star*. The paper has been publishing for well over 100 years and for 53 of those years John has helped meet the deadline. Although John is officially retired, he still shows up for work each day despite the fact that he is not permitted to do anything very strenuous. Both Mr. and Mrs. Melampy are hale and hearty and it is hoped that they will enjoy many, many years of pleasant leisure. They enjoyed their trip down to Florida so much that it is no surprise to their friends that they are talking of going down there to live permanently.

Mrs. Howard Crews of Cincinnati, sister of the renowned Gus Straus, returned in early March from San Antonio, Texas, where she spent a month visiting her son, A/1C James Crews, who is stationed at one of the air fields near that city. Flora also spent a week in Memphis, Tenn., visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Knoten, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Poppenheimer, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Poppenheimer. Howard gave a sigh of relief upon his wife's return home to Cincinnati and right away he began to perk up and act less lost and woe-begone.

## FLORIDA . . .

Flash from the Stork Department: A little girl has come to grace the home of the Vernon Hamiltons. The little lady arrived March 3. Both the baby and the mother—the former Rosa Lee Vickers—are doing nicely.

Wedding bells will ring out June 6 for Sherwood Hicks and Janell Sellers. The wedding will be solemnized in Jacksonville at the Lutheran Church with the Rev. Francis Gyle officiating. Needless to say—Sherry is the happiest man in the world.

Sawley Helms of Arcadia visited with friends in Jacksonville the week-end of March 13. We are always glad to see Skeeter—he's a rare treat.

Pert Virginia Slappey was thrilled no end when her boy friend, George Lee, came down to Florida to see her and decided to stay on and look for a job. He has been employed in Illinois for some time. By the time you read this, they will probably be "Mr. and Mrs."

George and Mozelle Bradley are the proud owners of a cute bungalow on Wakefield Street, Jacksonville. They had open house March 5 and were the recipients of many lovely, useful gifts from scores of their friends.

The Florida Association of the Deaf convention will be held in Jacksonville June 10, 11, 12. The Seminole Hotel has been selected as convention headquarters. Plan to spend your vacation in Florida, friends, and take in the convention. A well balanced program is in the offing and a bang-up good time is planned for all.

Jack Daugherty, St. Augustine, has taken unto himself a bride—cute, witty Clara Hudson of Haines City. The bride and groom are at home to their friends at 11 Cincinnati Street, St. Augustine. A lovely miscellaneous shower was tendered them recently at the

home of Mrs. J. C. Allen and attended by many of the Daugherty friends.

Florida's Dale Mingo—now employed at Davenport, Iowa—was down to his native city, Miami, for a vacation with his folks recently. Dale was sporting a 1953 Mercury which that grand Iowa job made possible.

The Ralph Sassers, Miami, have informed us that they have a date with the stork come August. It will be their second; their cowboy son, Rickey, is almost four years old now. Congrats, friends! Betcha you're hoping for a girl this time.

Harry Schaffner, former boys' counselor at the Spartanburg School has resigned from his job and is now in St. Augustine to be near his bride of a few months.

Hear tell Annette Miller, *nee* Long, is now employed as a key punch operator with the State Vehicle Bureau in Tallahassee.

Arthur and Artha Rae Pitts are as proud as punch over the cute, little bungalow that they purchased in Arlington Manor recently. The house is modern in every respect and ideal for two.

Nathalie Culpepper writes from Frankfort, Germany, where her hubby, Bill, is stationed at the Army Air Force base and has been for nearly three years, that he has received orders to transfer to the Greenville, S.C., base and that they will be sailing homeward bound sometime in July. Nathalie says that she has enjoyed her stay in Germany but gets all excited whenever she thinks of returning to her homeland.

Signing off for the month and reminding you that: The best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new.

## NEBRASKA . . .

Thomas Peterson, our faithful reporter from Nebraska, has come up with the following account of the Midwest Athletic Association Basketball Tournament:

Omaha did it again. Copped the championship for the second time in the MAAD Basketball Tournament, and will represent the Midwest at the AAAD Tournament in Kansas City. Frankly, Omaha did not have an easy time of it in the finals and just had to work harder and faster to beat the Des Moines quintet by the score of 65-57, which is somewhat deceiving. At one time in the fourth period it looked very much like DM, who had caught up with Omaha and lacked only 5 points to overtake Omaha, but a sudden spurt and concerted effort by the Omahans plus

## Seelig Grossinger Marries

Seelig Allen Grossinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grossinger, of Grossinger, New York, and Miss Shirley Scharfman, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., were married in Westchester, N.Y. on March 7. Rabbi Max Maccoby officiated.

Miss Mary Ann Grossinger, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor, and Mrs. Robert E. Zadek, of Baltimore, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mr. Grossinger had as best man Mr. Nathan Goldwasser, his uncle. The ushers were Messrs. Robert Zadek and Carl Bravin, brothers-in-law of the bride; Edward Saffer, her uncle; Silvie Ferritti, Arthur Friedman, Lew Goldwasser, and Robert Saffer.

The bride attended the Cherry Lane School, Darien, Conn., and Mr. Grossinger is a graduate of Kendall School, Washington, D.C. The couple will live in Liberty, N. Y.

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some good shots in the last few minutes saved the game for Omaha.

The MAAD Tournament held in Omaha February 19 and 20, sponsored by the Omaha Club of the Deaf was a success, though it did not quite come up to the expectations of the committee. There were only five visiting teams in addition to Omaha and Council Bluffs, and Wichita was absent, and Kansas City could not come on account of their position as host for the AAAD Tourney. So naturally there were not so many people in Omaha as at previous MAAD tournaments, and perhaps the AAAD Tournament in K. C. was too much for Omaha to compete with. Nevertheless, the Omaha tournament was a good one and it seemed so well-planned, as many people sav, with the different events such as the MAAD luncheon the first day and reception the first night and the party the last night with music and floor show.

The MAAD Annual Meeting at the Rome Hotel in the beautiful Jade Room was held in two sessions, the first one in the morning and the other in the afternoon after the luncheon. The morning was largely devoted to the drawing of teams for the tourney and the reports of the MAAD officers, and the afternoon session was taken up by the Report of the Law Committee headed by Charles D. Billings, Vice President pro-tem and by General Business and Election of Officers. The most notable things of the meetings were (a) giving to the Colorado state team entry a full 100% guarantee to the MAAD tournaments; (b) the acceptance of the bid from the St. Louis Silent Club for the 1955 MAAD Tournament; (c) election of new MAAD officers, who were as follows: Thomas Peterson of Omaha, pres.; Ross Koons of Des Moines, 1st v-pres.; Clyde Ketchum of Sioux Falls, S. D., 2nd v-pres.; Albert Stack of Olathe, Kans., sec'y-treas.; and Don Warnick of Denver, board member.

There were exactly 46 people present at the MAAD luncheon in the Crystal Room at the Rome, which must be a good showing, considering the fact that it was the very first time in the history of the MAAD that there was a luncheon at a MAAD tournament. Immediately after the luncheon there was an impromptu program, consisting of short speeches by the officers of the MAAD and others, and naturally there was some joking and bantering back and forth among those present, which brought the affair to a fitting climax, and to all it must have been something hard to forget, so rich was the setting for the luncheon with the mirrored walls and the extra long wall-length draperies and the glittering chandeliers of the Crystal Room.

After the first series of the tournament at Central High School the first night there was a reception open to all in the Rome in the Crystal Room, and there were about 200 people, all evidently enjoying themselves.

After the finals of the tournament Saturday night, everybody made a bee line dash for the Ballroom in the Rome where the party was then taking place. There were about 325 people, but it certainly looked like 400 or 500.

The order of finish in the tournament after the 1st for Omaha and 2nd for Des Moines is as follows: 3rd, Twin Cities; 4th, Denver; 5th, St. Louis; 6th, Sioux Falls; 7th, Council Bluffs. The tournament all-star selection is as follows with the first five for the first team and the rest for the second: Tuttle of Omaha (Most Valuable Player); Ross of Des Moines; Smith of Twin Cities; Hartwig of Twin

Cities; Longmore of Denver; and Welch of Twin Cities; G. Nelson of Omaha; Hinrichs of Denver; Bucholz of Des Moines and O'Toole of Denver. The team sportsmanship trophy went to the St. Louis team.

The above news about the tournament may be old or stale to some of the readers, if they have already known about it, but perhaps there are some people living away from the big cities who would like to know, so this is for their benefit. The writer could have written this news last month in time for the last number of THE SILENT WORKER, but he just couldn't make it that time, owing to the fact that he was very busy being general chairman of the tournament committee and acting president of the MAAD; so he was about smothered with all that work. How he ever got through still alive he cannot understand, but he wouldn't care to repeat it.

There were quite a few outstate deaf people at the tournament and also some from out of Nebraska. Seen were the Paul Barneses from Bridgeport, Nebr.; the Jack Caffertys from Hastings; the Duermeyers and the Lindbergs and the Grosses and the Beegles from Lincoln; the Joe Kalinas from Friend and Joe Renner from Chete; Harry Kellner and Albert Stack and Hugh Stack and Mrs. Joe Weber from Kansas City; Delbert Kline of Minneapolis; Meyer Rosenblatt from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kistler from Blaine, Kan.; Charles Billings and Mrs. Loren Elstad (Mary Cuscaden) from Denver; and Mrs. Harriett B. Votaw, of Denver, of the SW news staff.

The Episcopalian deaf of Omaha had a 'Hard Times' party the week after the MAAD Tournament, and the admission price was charged in proportion to the wearing apparel; if one came dressed up, he paid 50 cents and up; if he came in rags like George Propp did, he had to pay only a dime or so. It is very doubtful that anyone got in without paying a penny, while there was Mrs. Nellie Cuscaden, the chairman, at the door, giving all the "electric eye" treatment. Mrs. John Scheneman and Mrs. Marion Pettit and Mrs. Norma Seaton on the committee gave some games intended for little kids, such as "A Trip to Jerusalem" with chairs. There was plenty of pushing and slipping in the scramble for the diminishing chairs and even staid old ladies played and got roughed up. It was a scream, but was a lot of fun, and everybody enjoyed it immensely. Among those present was 88-year-old Mrs. Comp, and it seemed that she was having the time of her life.

Mrs. Rose Neujahr has been the recipient of many wedding gifts as a result of three separate showers in her honor in the past few weeks. The biggest one was at the Nebraska School and there were about 40 ladies, and they even had a program of songs and skits. The other two were given by those associated with the School, such as the teachers, household employees, supervisors and girls of the cooking class.

Mrs. Leonard Eggleston was recently released from the hospital where she had been confined for a nervous disorder since early in the winter. She made an appearance at the last meeting of the Omaha Aux-Frats and she certainly was her old self again, and naturally her many friends and others were glad to see her again. She is now staying with her parents in Fort Calhoun in order to be with her daughter who is going to school there, and later will be at home with Lenny on Bedford Avenue.



Mr. and Mrs. Odis Landsverk, who were married in Kansas. The bride was the former Dorothy Meyer of Kansas City.

Mr. Donald Boone was called to Kansas City by the death of his grandmother before the MAAD Tournament, and his wife LaVon accompanied him. He was on the MAAD Tournament Committee and had given excellent and faithful service on the committee. He and LaVon were at the funeral the very day of our tournament. To him goes our deepest sympathy in his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. George Propp have bought a house in Omaha out on Lake Street in Benson, and now they are excited about settling down in their own home and are ordering about everything under the sun for the house. When they are through it is a certainty that their many friends and acquaintances will make a beaten path to their door. (P.S. A little bundle from Heaven is expected in June —ED.)

About 35 or 40 deaf people of Omaha descended in a mass on the party given by the Lincoln Silent Club at the Municipal Pool in Lincoln the night of February 13th, and they made themselves seen and heard all right. They drummed up the MAAD Tournament in Omaha the following week, and they almost carried off all the prizes at the party. There are always some people from Lincoln at our parties in Omaha, and we enjoy having them.

## MISSOURI . . .

Dorothy Meyer and Odis Landsverk were united in marriage in her hometown, Aliceville, Kans., on January 23 in the afternoon. After the wedding a reception was held in the parish house. The couple spent a week honeymooning in and around Little Rock, Arkansas, and are now at home in Denver, Iowa. Dorothy will be sorely missed by her Kansas City friends, but they all wish the newlyweds the best of everything.

Erlene Graybill drove to Dallas, Texas, to attend the Southwest Basketball Tournament on March 5-6, during her two weeks vacation. She also went to Austin, Texas, and the western part of Kansas to visit friends and relatives. We were worried about her touring

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alone in her Chevy, but she is now home safe. Rev. Hirte of St. Louis Episcopal Church came to Kansas City on March 16th to give a sermon, which was enjoyed by everyone present. It is hoped that he will come to Kansas City every month, as he has been traveling in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas and other parts of Missouri each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe exchanged their old Pontiac for a brand new 1954 Belaire Chevrolet. They had never bought a new car before, so having a brand new one is something for the Wolfes to be proud of.

The AAAD Committee, Frank Doctor, Albert Stack, Hugh Stack, Harry Kellner and Bob Gaunce have been going to Fulton, Mo., every weekend to help Paul Baldrige, the printing instructor, and Max Mossel plan the souvenir program book for the 1954 Nationals which, by the time this has gone to press, are over and a thing of the past. The boys of the printing department in the Missouri School worked on the booklet, too.

#### MINNESOTA . . .

Archie Benolkin, whose mother died recently, tells us that he is planning to retire. He has worked for many years in a Minneapolis railroad freight office. His plans for the future include extensive traveling and eventually going to live at the Moose Home in Florida, where he expects to spend the remainder of his days. By the way, Archie was secretary of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Division No. 61, NFSD, when the chapter was first organized many years ago.

Mrs. Iver Olsen was off her feet for quite a while following surgery, and Julia O'Neill of St. Paul underwent surgery for the removal of a cyst. Both are well again and feeling chipper, we are glad to report.

Nita Richardson was complimented at a wedding shower at Thompson Hall March 6, and her many friends had a good time loading her down with lovely and useful gifts. She and her fiancé, Glen Kerr, will say their vows on April 3 and it is presumed that they will make their home in St. Paul, where Glen holds down a fine job at Brown and Brown Co.

Burnell Rasmussen of Minneapolis has a momentous announcement to make! He and Sandra Laatsch (she lives down in Florida) became officially engaged on February 27th and the wedding date will be made known shortly. Both youngsters are products of the Minnesota School and everyone hereabouts extends hearty congratulations to Burnell and Sandra.

#### KENTUCKY . . .

(Mrs. Richard Hay, better known to all of us as Vollie, writes that she and Richard are once again settled in Oklahoma City, Okla-

## The Silent Printer

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We have noticed certain indications that those who run our schools for the deaf are beginning to consider printing a poor trade for the deaf. The feeling is that the deaf, with their language problem, cannot hope to become good printers and therefore it is a mistake to teach printing in the schools for the deaf. The fact is that a printer never writes the copy he works from; he follows the copy written by others. His skill in language, or lack thereof, has nothing to do with the matter. In fact, we know a number of deaf who have poor language, yet are skilled and successful printers. Let's look at the record. There are more deaf printers than there are deaf in any other one trade. In most every school for the deaf in the past, printing has been the largest class taught in the vocational section. In his report to the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf at Vancouver last July, Mr. Boyce Williams, consultant with the Federal Department of Welfare, Health and Education, stated that only a small portion of the deaf have jobs that are directly related to their school experience. However true that may be of other trades, it certainly is not true of printing. We have the names and records of upwards of 350 deaf printers. Of these 89% stated that they learned their trade, at least in part, in schools for the deaf. Based on the record, no trade taught in the vocational departments of our schools shows better results than that of printing. A poor trade for the deaf indeed! Moreover, it is the one trade taught in our schools in which the labor unions accept the time spent in the school shop as credit on the required apprenticeship time.

Here's another little trick for you callous fingered keyboard athletes. Eighteen hundred strokes can be saved daily at the keyboard. To make slugs slide down old style slug chutes, cut a thin piece of plastic, Vinylite, Lucite, etc., drill a hole for the screw, and place on top of the chute steel slide. No more graphite or other material needed, and handwork of pulling slug down into galley is eliminated.

Here's the April installment of the great Amalgamated Directory:

Vito Dondiego, Job Compositor, McGraw Commercial Printery, Phoenix, Arizona. This information is not guaranteed for the last we heard of Vito he was enroute to Europe. Don't forget, Vito, we expect the latest information on European beards when you return.

William J. Hoffman, Linotype Operator, Lindsay Gazette. Bills says that he attended the Michigan School for the Deaf, where he learned the trade.

Max McCallie, Linotype Operator, Ann Arbor News, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Max attended the Ohio school, where he learned to pound the keyboard.

Robert Schneider, Linotype Operator, Wisconsin Cuneo Press. Bob attended the Wisconsin School, where he learned the trade. Seems to us the Cuneo Press prints Esquire. How's about snitching us a copy, Bob?

Harold Francis de Volpe, Ad Man on the Unique Press, Detroit, Michigan. Brother de Volpe attended the Rochester school, where he learned the trade.

Leo E. White, Pressman at a shop in Berkeley, California. Leo attended the Ogden, Utah school where he first got ink on his fingers.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, states that the printing trades—which employed 785,000 workers in January, 1953, and is one of the highest paid groups of workers in the nation—will need thousands of new workers annually in the coming years to replace those who leave their jobs because of death, retirement, or transfer to other fields of work.

In the 1600's it cost the wife of a journeyman printer sixpence to visit her husband at work; but the whole gang was supposed to chip in twopence apiece and stage a welcome for her.

We have been bombarded with requests lately to set up a Society of Silent Printers who Wear Beards. It seems that following our sterling example and inspired with our success with the fair sex many of our readers have taken to beard cultivation. The result is that they are surfeited with feminine attention and are now longing for a haven of refuge when the wiles of the ladies become too sticky. We are seriously thinking of acting on these requests and would welcome suggestions from our multitude (3 counting Bro. Kannapell in Ky.) of readers.

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homa. Vollie served us well as reporter from Oklahoma and planned to write the news of Kentucky but since she and Richard have yielded to homesickness for Oklahoma City, we are hoping that Vollie will soon be back with us as official Oklahoma Correspondent. News Ed.)

Richard Hay is once again working on the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City after four months in Louisville with the Courier Journal.

Friends of George Duflo learned recently of his illness and surgical operation down in Houston, Texas. Latest reports have George convalescing nicely and making plans for getting in some fishing this spring, a sure sign that he is on the road to excellent health again.

There were identical celebrations at the homes of the Robert Kolbs and the Lawrence Schotts during February. A son, Robert Wayne, arrived at the Kolbs on February 21 and another son came to gladden the hearts of the Schotts the very same day. In fact, the two mothers were room-mates at the same hospital and that made the whole affair a really gladsome occasion.

(News Editor's Note: Once upon a time a friend of ours had a baby daughter born at the same hospital and at the same hour as one of her neighbors. Weeks later, our friend told us: "She and I can never be friends again . . . our babies are the same age BUT not the same weight." Our advice to Mrs. Schott and Mrs. Kolb would be to put the two babies on the same formula and, when weighing them, either add or subtract a few ounces as the case may be. Do you agree?)

#### TENNESSEE . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rosenfield of Los Angeles, Calif., were visitors to Tennessee the end of January, when they stopped in Knoxville to visit Mrs. Rosenfield's sister following a trip to Florida. They brought along their baby daughter and folks here will remember Mrs. Rosenfield as the former Mildred Presley. Little Deane Louise is a beautiful baby and was born June 17th in Los Angeles.

Latest owners of a television set are the Tom Olgives and they are spending many pleasant evenings at home these winter nights. L. A. Elmer's new car is a Dodge Royal and a 1954 model, of which he is very proud.

The Memphis Division No. 38, NFSD, announces the election of the following officers for 1954: Brooks V. Monaghan, president; Ben Mayfield, vice-president; Leland Maxwell, secretary; Paul Jobe, treasurer; Glen Johnson, sergeant; and James Caldwell, deputy. The Memphis Division is planning a gala celebration during April at which time they will hold a 41st Anniversary Banquet. It's the second Saturday in April.

Miss Velma McDonald is driving a new Plymouth and, though she is a good driver, she says she still has trouble backing into parking spaces.

Mrs. Willa Mae Lilly is confined to St. Mary's Hospital following leg surgery the end

of January. She has had many visitors during her stay and hopes to return to her home very soon.

The Elkin's family was plagued with the mumps during January and Mr. and Mrs. Leander Moore's son Harry was confined at home during February with chickenpox.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard of Washington, D.C., are the proud parents of a son born February 2 at Sibely Hospital in that city. They have named him Kenneth Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Correll have been recuperating from a recent auto accident and at this writing they are taking things easy and recovering nicely.

#### ARIZONA . . .

The Tucson Association of the Deaf joined 15 other organizations in the city in a queen contest recently. The twin daughters of the John Cravens were the successful candidates. Joan was chosen for the Highway Patrol, came out second. Jean was our deaf club's candidate. They both lost only by close margins. Otherwise, one or both of them would have gone to Hollywood by plane, stayed in the best hotel, visited the motion picture, radio and T. V. studios, etc., etc. That contest gained the club good publicity.

March 17 through 21, the deaf club of Tucson had a concession at the Tucson Community Fair. They had a Doll Wheel. The Acunas, the Neumanns, Jack Craven, Elwin Slade and Frank Sladek took turns at the Fair. The proceeds will be used toward the basketball tournament in Tucson, March 6 and 7, 1955. Thank goodness the fair is over.

Welcome, Vito! Mr. Dondiego is back in Phoenix, and even to his old job after a year's leave of absence. He stopped over in Tucson while driving through the Southern states after a winter in Florida. We were all ears to hear his interesting tales of his wandering in Europe—Italy, France, Switzerland, Spain and England and the Coronation. He thinks like the others, Switzerland is the most beautiful country. In Italy he visited his birth place, which is a unique hill town. He enjoyed many of his childhood haunts. But Arizona and Phoenix are really happy to have him back as he has been missed as a leader of the deaf.

The most recent visitors in Tucson were Argo Lardinelli of San Francisco, George Lynch of Santa Fe, and Harry Jacobs of Oakland. Argo paused long enough to visit the school and was very much impressed with the place and climate. He abandons S. F. for a small town north of Milwaukee where a girl of his heart lives and where a good job awaits him.

George Lynch, a counselor at New Mexico school in Santa Fe, grabbed the advantage of a 3-day vacation. He drove down to Tucson. He was impressed with our beautiful school and the wonderful climate. He enjoyed meeting old and new friends. While he praises New Mexico school for the Deaf as one of the finest schools, he admits the city of Tucson surpasses Santa Fe.

Harry Jacobs stopped in Tucson on his way back to Oakland from Kansas City where he attended the AAAD Basketball Tournament. His team is to be congratulated as it won 3rd place in the meet.

The Rountrees of San Diego stopped over in Phoenix to see old friends, the Watson sisters, Edna and Babette, on the way to Kansas City for the baseball tournament. The Rountrees are successful proprietors of a cleaning shop having ten employees—a very busy business. They deserve the reward of hard labor in their younger days.

Ray Martino, a former teacher here, recently returned to her home in Connecticut after a year of traveling in Europe. She visited a number of schools for the deaf on the continent which was very interesting and surprising.



#### William F. Murphy

William F. Murphy, well known in many places as a former teacher, passed away at his home in Tucson, Arizona, on February 25, at the age of 87.

Becoming deaf at the age of 6, Mr. Murphy received his education at the Ohio school for the Deaf, his boyhood home being at Fayetteville, Ohio, where he was born. Upon completing school, he took a position as teacher of shoemaking at the Arkansas School for the Deaf, and held this position for forty years. He later taught the trade in Michigan, Missouri, and Arizona, before retiring after 59 years of teaching.

Many of his former pupils are today teaching the trade he taught them, and others are proprietors of successful shoe repair shops.

Mr. Murphy married the former Mary Hatton of Ashdown, Arkansas, who passed on several years ago. Since retiring from teaching he had lived with his daughter, Anne, a teacher in the Arizona School at Tucson.

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By "Loco" Ladner

#### Game of the Month

Here is a good game from the First National Tournament in which the late Michael Cohen of Baltimore showed his wizardry to best Bob Kannapell. Mr. Cohen also won the second game. He went on to win his section but unfortunately was checkmated by the Grim Reaper before he could play in the finals of the first National Tournament.

#### Queen's Pawn (King's Indian Defense)

MICHAEL COHEN — ROBERT H. KANNAPELL	
(White)	(Black)
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-KN3
3. P-QB4	P-K3
4. P-QR3	P-Q4
5. B-N5	B-N2
6. N-B3	P-B3
7. P-K3	QN-Q2
8. B-Q3	PxP
9. BxP	N-N3
10. Q-K2	NxB
11. QxN	O-O
12. P-K4	P-KR3(a)
13. B-B4	N-R4
14. B-K3	P-KN4(b)
15. P-KR4	P-N5
16. P-K5	PxN
17. P-KN4(c)	P-KB4
18. PxN	P-B5
19. B-Q2	Q-K1
20. N-K4	QxP
21. N-Q6	Q-N3
22. O-O-O	Q-R4(d)
23. NxB	QRxN
24. QxPch	K-R1
25. QR-N1	P-B4
26. P-Q5	BxP(e)
27. R-N6	K-R2
28. R/1-N1	R/QB1-B2
29. P-Q6	R/2-N2
30. RxRch	BxR
31. P-Q7	R-KN1
32. B-B3	QxP?(f)
33. Q-N6ch	Resigns(g)

(Bob's comment: Black concentrates on, after 17. P-KN4, PxP en passant, but discovers belatedly BP is on the 6th rank; therefore, it is not possible at this point. Preceding moves are self-explanatory, and Black is completely outplayed)

Notes by the Editor: (a) the first weakening move. We prefer Q-B2. (b) Another weakening move which hastens Black's defeat. (c) White did not expect this move which Black had prepared at 16. P-K5, seemingly giving up a Knight for nothing. (d) B-Q2 seems preferable here. (e) Why not QxKP—seems stronger? But 27. B-B3 is to be feared. (f) Loses quickly on this move but the game is lost at any rate. (g) After 33...K-R1, there follows checkmate in two moves.

Here is the second game:

#### Vienna

Robert H. Kannapell — Michael Cohen	
(White)	(Black)
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	B-N5
3. N-Q5	B-K2
4. Q-N4	P-KN3
5. B-B4	P-Q3
6. Q-B3	B-K3
7. P-Q3	Q-Q2
8. P-KR3	QN-B3
9. B-QN5	P-QR3
10. BxN	QxB
11. NxB	NxN
12. Q-B6	K-Q2
13. P-QB3	Q-N4
14. Q-B3	P-KB4
15. P-QN3	PxP
16. PxP	QR-KB1
17. Q-K3	P-KN4
18. N-B3	P-R3
19. P-B4	Q-B3
20. B-N2	R-B5
21. BxP	QxB
22. QxPch	Q-N2
23. QxQch(a)	KxQ
30. RxR	B-B4
31. R-Q4	N-Q4!
32. P-B3	BxRch
33. PxP	R-B8ch
34. K-B2	R-B7ch
35. K-B1	PxP
36. PxP	N-B5
37. R-Q7ch	K-B3
38. R-KR7	P-R4
39. P-KN4	PxP
40. PxP	R-KN7
41. R-R1	N-Q6ch!
42. K-N1	R-QN7ch!
43. K-R1(b)	RxP
44. R-R6ch	K-Q2
45. R-R2	K-K3
46. R-R8	N-B7

21. O-O-O	K-B1	47. R-K8ch	K-B2
22. KR-K1	KR-B1	48. R-K5	N-R6
23. Q-R7	P-N4	49. R-KB5ch	K-K3
24. K-N1	PxP	50. R-B8	R-KN6
25. NxKP	PxN	Resigns (c)	
26. BxP	RxKP		

Notes by Bob:

In the above opening, chess authorities on openings generally favor White, but, somehow, White is unable to cope with Black's wily strategies.

(a) It is a plain case of miscalculation on White's part, and he cannot afford to lose any more pieces and now tries for a draw.

(b) Cornered! The proverbial whimper, "My Kingdom for a Horse," seems appropriate here.

(c) White's good moves are exhausted, and Black will have no difficulty in queening.

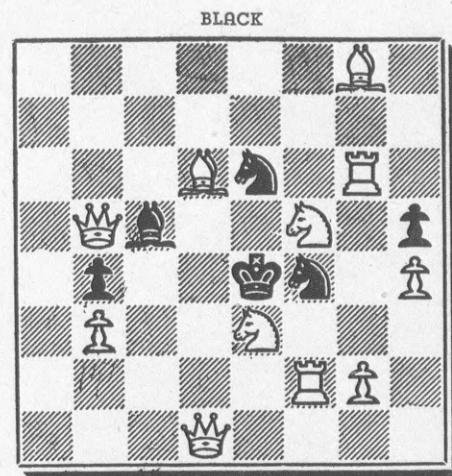
Comment: At end of the 50th move, Black, apparently conscious of his several "too long" delays in replying, politely offers White the opportunity of deciding whether it is a draw or not, and White feels his better judgment convinces him to resign.

Editor's comments: Both players are true sportsmen of the chessboard. We shall publish more of Mr. Cohen's games in later issues.

#### The Chess Problem

The solution to the problem presented last month is R-N5. Our readers are invited to work out the continuations. For this month we have a good puzzler — not that it is real difficult but that Black has so many possible defenses that White's key move must be carefully checked. There are other nearly perfect first moves, so look out and check every defense by Black.

See below for the problem.



#### Tourney Results

Some results of the Tournaments: First Tournament — Ladner won another game to widen his lead to 2-0 over Bob Kannapell. However, Bob is fighting for his life and the outcome is still in the balance. In the Second Tournament, Stevenson took one game from Bill Dunn. In the B Tournament, Burnes defeated Lacey. In the A tournament Rosenkjar made short work of Campi.



## AAAD Hall of Fame Prospects . . .

# JOHNNY (RABBIT) RINGLE

**Another of Kansas' All-Time Athletic Greats; Captained Gallaudet Eleven While a Freshman;  
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By Art Kruger

**T**HIS IS THE STORY about Johnny "Rabbit" Ringle, our roommate and classmate for three years at Gallaudet college. He had everything any all-American fullback ever had, and he looks fit, right now, to play almost the kind of football he played for Gallaudet College in 1928, 1929 and 1930.

Ringle, although he cast his lot with an obscure team representing a college of which many hearing grid fans probably never have heard, was too good to be kept out of the headlines. He ranked second among all the scorers of the east in 1928 when he crashed through for 85 points, a total eclipsed only by Al Marsters of Dartmouth. The following season he was third in total points, with 83. A chap with a name remarkably similar to his own — Pringle of

Georgia Tech — was the eastern pacesetter that year.

Ringle went to Council Bluffs in 1930 as coach at the Iowa School for the Deaf, but he was obliged to give up that post after a year when the I. H. S. A. A. ruled that a coach must also be a classroom teacher. Although obliged regretfully to sever his connection with sports, he has achieved enviable success in the game of life. He learned the carpenter's trade as a boy at the Kansas School for the Deaf. Employed since 1942 for Mason Construction Company of Dayton, Ohio, he has won an E-pin and a merit pin from the company while working on government building projects in Nebraska, largely through a unique ability to find practical uses for lumber that would other-

wise be wasted. He is now working for the same company at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Ringle played under Coaches Luther (Dummy) Taylor and Eddie Foltz at E.S.D. for six years. He quarterbacked the grid machine there when he was only 14 years old, and played fullback the remaining years. The team of 1927 the last on which he played at the Olathe school, was the greatest in the history of the school, and scored 409 points in 4420 minutes of play to 57 for the opposition. The record of the 1927 team has already been printed in the December 1953 edition of *THE SILENT WORKER*.

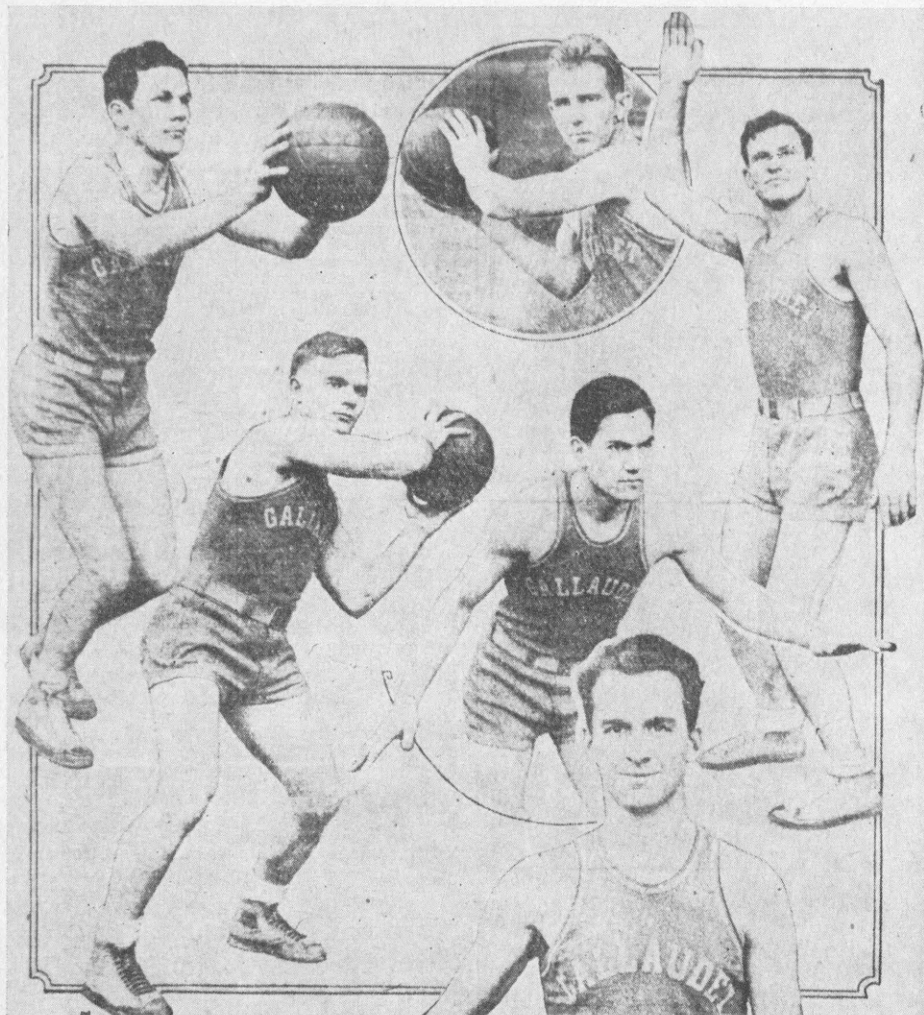
The greatest season closed with a 22-19 victory over the Haskell Indian reserves, and it was Ringle who sparked the victory with long runs around the ends.

In an earlier season, he played against John Levi, later an all-American, in a losing game against Wentworth Military Academy. He figured in a 38-0 win over Kansas City junior college. The Kansas boys had perfect records the years Ringle played against schools for the deaf and were recognized as deaf champions of the nation. In 1924 he rode roughshod over the strong Illinois school for the deaf eleven and almost beat it single handed, 44-0. Other schools for the deaf teams beaten by Ringle and his KSD gridsters were: Iowa, 38-0, Missouri, 73-0 and 58-6, and Wisconsin, 20-0.

They generally won their games "for keeps," to the 1927 clubs, for instance, hardly gave the fans time to quit talking in hushed tones about a 111-0 conquest of the Independence, Mo., American Legion team before they erased that record score from their books by burying St. Paul's college of Concordia, Mo., 128-0.

Was Ringle tough? In a game with Haskell, he was under full steam in an open field. Three red men hit him simultaneously or perhaps it would be more accurate to write that Ringle hit the red men *en masse*. At any rate, one of the fellows who perpetrated that

The stars of the 1930-31 Gallaudet College basketball team, of which Johnny Ringle was the only player picked on the All-District five at center. Left to right, at the top, are John Wurdemann, Bilbo Monaghan and Ringle. Center, Konrad Hokanson and George Brown. Bottom, Capt. Del Cosgrove.







Roommates and classmates at Gallaudet, 1928-30, Art Kruger (now SW sports editor), Johnny Ringle, and George Lynch (now boys' counselor at the New Mexico School for the Deaf).

triple tackle sustained a broken leg, another a broken shoulder bone and the third was knocked unconscious. All three were carried off the field for keeps, and Ringle, they say, felt bad about the whole thing although he bounced up instantly, unhurt, for he was by nature a gentle and kind-hearted chap.

As a varsity player for six years his K.S.D. elevens won 30 games, lost 12 and tied two. He was captain of the 1924 team and the following is the record of this club:

KSD	
0—Wentworth Military Academy .....	7
6—Kansas City, Mo., University .....	6
34—Fort Scott Junior College .....	0
27—Rosedale High Sch. (Kansas City) ....	2
33—Ottawa University Freshmen .....	18
30—Rockhurst College (Kansas City) ....	6
44—Illinois School for the Deaf .....	0

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Ringle played six years of basketball at K.S.D., at center, and was also captain of the 1924 five which won the first school for the deaf basketball tournament originated by the Nebraska school. He ran the 100, 220 and 440 on the cinder track.

By way of outlining his sensational career at Gallaudet briefly, it might be said that he both began and finished it in a blaze of glory.

Johnny Ringle captained this Kansas School for the Deaf five of 1924 which won the first school for the deaf basketball tournament originated by the Nebraska school. They defeated South Dakota, 14-8; Iowa, 37-10, and Nebraska, 25-15. Left to right—sitting: Mario Benedict, Louis Russel, Ringle, Ray Miller. Standing: Edward S. Foltz, coach; Ora Baldwin, Walter Cline, Glen Miller, A. A. Stewart, superintendent.

Of his first home game in Gallaudet colors it was written: "Johnny Ringle, big fullback who came to Gallaudet this fall from Kansas School for the Deaf after a brilliant scholastic career, was the big show in the opening win over American University, 38-7. Thrice he crossed the goal, and his ability to pierce the American U. line enabled his team to gain consistently."

And this excerpt sums up his final performance of the 1928 season: "Inability to check the galloping proclivities of Johnny (Rabbit) Ringle proved the undoing of Bridgewater collegians, who were snowed under, 84-0. It was Gallaudet's final game, and marked the end of Ringle's convalescence from a badly injured ankle. Disregarding shooting pains in his sore foot, Ringle gave a sensational display of zig-zagging his way through massed alien walls, hurling tacklers aside with ease and carrying the oval in his own unique method during his famous sprints. Altogether he crossed the goal line five times, reeling off 40, 60 and 80 yard runs. He also used his boot in unerring fashion, making good four attempts at placement kicks after Hokanson had previously missed the bar three times."

Johnny Ringle easily stood head and shoulders over his teammates as the most efficient player of the 1928 season with a 3-win, 5-loss record. Although nicely suited to the backfield position in every respect, Johnny was never content with doing merely his duties. He developed an uncanny skill for anticipating alien attacks through the lines and invariably managed to stem the onrushing tide by throwing his massive frame into the gaps. His ability to wiggle through dense formations called for many a lusty cheer while his open field running and spearing forward passes marked him as a dangerous weapon on the offense. He contributed 13 clean-cut touchdowns and his flawless placement

kicks added seven more points for a total of 85 points.

Gallaudet's course included one year of prep school and four of college. Preps were eligible for play on the varsity teams, but earned no letters. Ringle entered as a prep in 1928 and at the close of his first season on the gridiron was elected captain for the following year, the only case on record in which a freshman was thus honored. Below is the record of the 1929 team of which he was captain:

Gallaudet	Opp.
0—St. John's College (Annapolis) .....	2
6—University of Maryland .....	13
80—Shenandoah College .....	0
6—University of Baltimore .....	0
0—Temple University .....	31
14—Susquehanna University .....	7
25—Shepherd College .....	7
131	60

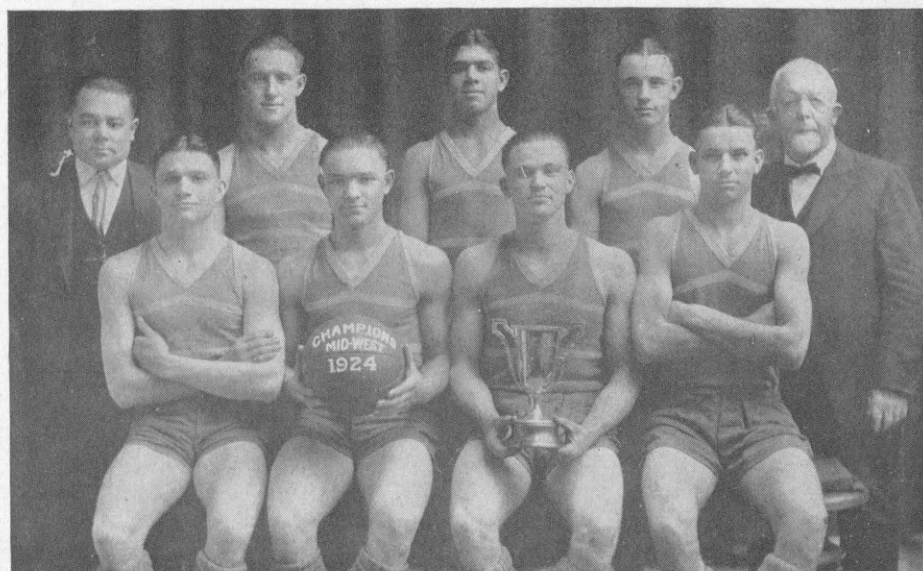
The victory over Susquehanna University of Reading, Pa., ended a jinx that had pursued Gallaudet elevens since 1924. Not since that year had Gallaudet team won a game on foreign soil.

During this 1929 season he garnered a total of 83 points (13 TD and 5 PAT) to become the eighth leading point scorer in the country.

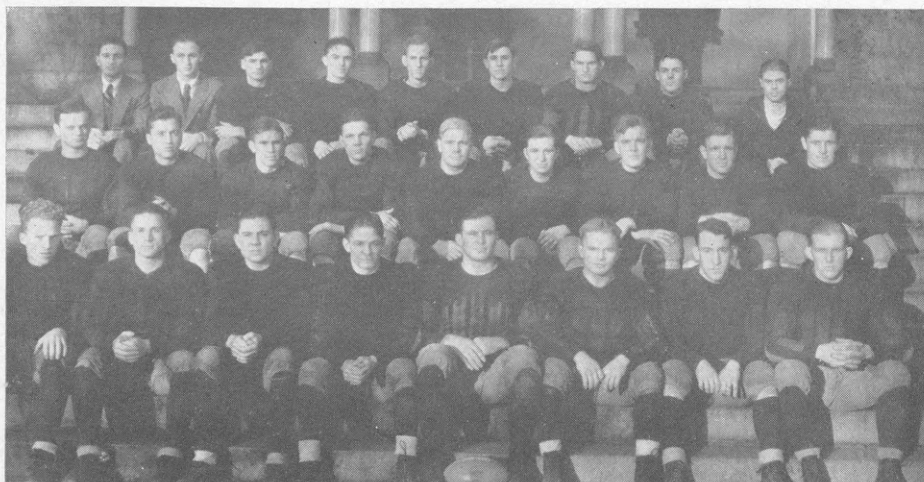
His last Gallaudet team in 1930 completed one of the most successful seasons in its history, winning six, losing one and tying with the Carlisle Medical College eleven. Three wins and a tie-out of the five games played on foreign soil decisively ditched the jinx that had been pursuing Gallaudet ever since 1924, with one exception, when Gallaudet trounced Susquehanna at Reading the previous season. Gallaudet was given credit for being the most successful of the six major colleges, with University of Maryland a trailing second.

The record:

Gallaudet	
20—Fort Meade Tank School .....	0
18—American University .....	6
0—University of Delaware .....	38







As a freshman Johnny Ringle captained this 1929 Gallaudet College eleven, the only freshman in the history of Gallaudet to receive this honor. He did a remarkable job both as captain and player. This team won four out of seven, and two of the games were lost by the narrowest of margins and to the teams which forecasters predicted would give his team good lacings. Playing against Maryland, it was his day. Critics gave him a good deal of local prominence, and he gained national repute when he scored a total of 59 points against Shenandoah and gained a total of 432 yards without loss of a yard. He scored a total of 83 points, finishing up among the nation's leading point scorers. Front row, left to right: William Milligan (now Supt. of the Wisconsin school), Marion Bradley (S.C.), Claude Hoffmeyer (Mo.), Paul Zieske (Mich.), Captain Johnny Ringle (Kan.), Konrad Hokanson (Iowa), Alfred Marshall (Neb.), Bilbo Monaghan (Miss.). Middle row: Clyde McMullan (Miss.), Henry Holter (N.D.), Axel Carlson (Colo.), John Wurdemann (D.C.), Edwin Johnson (Minn.), Hugh Stack (Kan.), Heimo Antila (Conn.), Roy Parks (now Supt. of the Arkansas school), William Grinnell (Pa.). Back row: Asst. Coach Walter Krug, Manager Max Friedman (Conn.), Robert Travis (Wash.), Stephen Koziar (Conn.), Seth Crockett (Texas), Andrew Hnatow (Mich.), (Wash.), Stephen Koziar (Conn.), Seth Crockett (Texas), Andrew Hantow (Mich.), Reuben Altizer (Va.), Boyce Williams (Wis.), Coach Frederick Hughes.

18—University of Baltimore .....	7
0—Carlisle Medical College .....	0
13—Shepherd College .....	0
13—Langley Field Air Corps (Norfolk) ..	7
7—St. Francis College (Johnstown) .....	6
89 .....	64

Ringle made only five touchdowns during this successful season, but he was a powerful menace on the defensive, when time after time he hurtled through to toss opposing backs for losses. Rated as one of the best performers seen on the Carlisle field since Thorpe's day, it usually took at least two tacklers to stop him when he went on a ground-gaining spree.

Coach Fred Hughes named Ringle on the all-time Gallaudet football team which he chose. Ringle's feat of scoring 59 points against Shenandoah college in 1929 was recorded in "Miracles of Sport," a syndicated sports cartoon feature. Playing only half the game, he rolled for nine touchdowns, booted five conversions, and gained a total of 432 yards in seventeen tries without a loss of a yard.

He begged not to be taken out of that game, for the end of the half found him feeling as peppy as a young colt, but his coach assured him he wouldn't be used further, so he dressed and saw the second half from the bleachers.

The toughest grid game he ever lived through was played against Temple University at Philadelphia, Pa., in 102-degree heat in 1929 before a crowd esti-

mated by the press at 20,000. Temple (enrollment 25,000) used four teams in shifts. Gallaudet (enrollment about 150, including co-eds) didn't make a substitution. Temple won the game, 31-0, and Ringle confesses that he finished that game completely fagged out for once.

But he caught the eyes of the experts even when his team was playing out of its class. During his freshman year at Gallaudet, the Silents gave Maryland University an unexpectedly tough battle, bowing 13-6. Newspaper accounts of that game gave Ringle most of the credit for the astonishingly good showing. Typical comment:

"Ringle, by the way, only a freshman but nevertheless captain of the team, was without a doubt the outstanding player on the field, doing all the kicking for his team and throwing his opponents for so many losses that they probably wished he was in China."

A Monday morning rehash, written from the Maryland angle, said: "Maryland had a hard afternoon. Gallaudet not only put up a stubborn defense but had in its backfield a man, Johnny Ringle, who would be a menace to any opposing eleven."

And another gave him credit for the best individual performance seen on the Maryland gridiron since the stadium had been erected five years before, and that is saying something, for Maryland always had a stiff schedule.

There's only one instance on record

in which an opposing crew ever took Ringle lightly, and the mistake was regretted. Preceding a game with the arch-enemy, American University, also located in Washington, D.C., this bit of information came out of the American camp:

"American is not worried over the prospect of Johnny Ringle breaking loose for his copyrighted open field runs. From Coach Walter Young down to the lowliest substitute, the Eagles are quite confident that Ringle will be held to negligible gains, if any. A defense plan has been mapped out by the American coach that he believes will keep Ringle throttled."

## Winners in AAAD Basketball Tournaments

### State and Regional

*Ohio All-State:* Akron Club of the Deaf defeated Dayton 57-40, Warren 71-35, and Cleveland 60-52.

*New York All-State:* Golden Tornadoes defeated DeSales 82-67, Naismith 93-31, Buffalo 64-49.

*Illinois All-State:* Joliet defeated Rockford 70-69, Southtown 67-23.

*Indiana All-State:* South Bend defeated Indianapolis 28-26, Kokomo 59-35.

*Pennsylvania All-State:* Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia 68-49, Beaver Valley 58-21, Harrisburg 49-41.

*Michigan All-State:* Motor City defeated Detroit 46-42, Flint 59-46.

*New England:* Providence defeated Worcester 84-55, Sporal 59-32.

*New Jersey All-State:* Newark defeated North Jersey 106-33, Camden 96-36.

*Northwest Finals:* Oakland defeated Portland 60-50, Boise 97-67.

*Midwest Finals:* Omaha defeated Sioux Falls 45-31, Twin Cities 61-48, Des Moines 65-57.

*Farwest Finals:* Los Angeles defeated Long Beach 73-55, Tucson 82-40, Hollywood 65-41.

*Southwest Finals:* Little Rock defeated Oklahoma City 54-32, Sulphur 56-18, Dallas 44-43, Lubbock 64-49.

*Southeast Finals:* Washington defeated Roanoke 109-55, Talladega 49-38, Winston-Salem 63-39.

*Central Finals:* Milwaukee defeated Joliet 81-79, Akron 75-54.

*Eastern Finals:* Golden Tornadoes defeated Newark 66-64, Worcester 63-37, Pittsburgh 57-47.

### National

Little Rock 70, Golden Tornadoes (New York) 66.

Oakland 64, Omaha 58.

Kansas City 70, Los Angeles 69.

Milwaukee 69, Washington 55.

Golden Tornadoes 68, Omaha 64.

Los Angeles 59, Washington 53.

Little Rock 77, Oakland 63.

Milwaukee 56, Kansas City 38.

Los Angeles 70, Golden Tornadoes 67.

(Fifth and sixth).

Oakland 58, Kansas City 56. (Third and fourth).

Milwaukee 71, Little Rock 64, (First and second).



Before the game was two minutes old, a punt formation was signaled, but instead of kicking, Ringle skirted his right end and was through the American defense and well on his way with a clear field for the goal, covering the last of the 82-yard run at a trot. Gallaudet won easily enough, 18-6.

Ringle got his nickname of "Rabbit" as a result of a humorous incident that took place his first year at Gallaudet, during a game with Shepherd college. A little bunny seemingly popped right out of the line of scrimmage and tore down the field with somebody's dog hot on his heels, to cross the goal line five full yards in the lead, and some fan shouted "Touchdown Gallaudet." Bunny, incidentally, led the way for a typical Ringle dash, which covered 62 yards of turf in the rabbit's wake. Bunny went over standing up, and so did Ringle.

The athletic exploits of this Cherryville, Kan., farm boy at Gallaudet were by no means confined to the gridiron. He played three years of basketball. He was a guard with a good eye for the basket and when the occasion demanded he went in at center. Because of his height (6 feet, 2 inches) and bulk, he was always a dangerous man under his own basket for he was adept in following up shots missed by his teammates. His usefulness was not confined to shooting, for he was able to cling tenaciously to an opponent who was so dangerous as to require special guarding.

During his freshman year Ringle was among the leaders in point scoring of district colleges. Playing at center he made a total of 149 points in 16 games, a fact due to both his skill and his bulk.

During his last year at Gallaudet he played his best year in basketball. The burly center displayed some neat ball-hawking and under-goal work, while giving the great Delmar Cosgrove some scoring competition with his overhead field tosses. His fine playing won him a great many newspaper nicknames and positions on All-District teams as center. He scored 144 points in 14 games.

Ringle also was an all-around track performer who could step a fast century or furlong or 440 dash, high jump six feet, pole vault 10 feet and put the shot 40 feet.

While the Class of 1929 won its fifth successive Interclass Track and Field Meet, Ringle of the Preparatory Class (Class of 1933) was the individual star scoring 24¼ points and breaking the shot put record.

The annual interclass track and field meet in 1930 was more a meet of Ringle versus the Juniors (Class of 1931) than a real interclass meet. Ringle scored 35 1/3 points, but received scant help from his classmates, and the Juniors

bore him under by the sheer weight of their numbers, scoring a total of 51 1/3 points.

As a sophomore, he finally led his team to victory in the class meet, winning the 100-yard dash, high hurdles, broad jump, shot put and discus throw.

Eddie Foltz, one of the two coaches under whom Ringle played at the Kansas

School for the Deaf, once said: "John E. Ringle is the greatest athlete I've ever coached. There were many others almost as good, but Ringle was great at football because of his speed and weight, 190 pounds."

This ends the story about Johnny "Rabbit" Ringle, one of the outstanding prospects for the AAAD Hall of Fame.

## Remember This Incident?

### About a Dog, a Rabbit, and a Football Game

*(Editor's Note: The following paraphrased article appeared in The Evening Star March 17, 1945 in the WIN, LOSE or DRAW column. The author, Rod Thomas, has been writing for this Washington, D.C., newspaper for a great many years and so we feel that in publishing it many of the Gallaudet College alumni will dig into the rusty recesses of their memory and reminisce over the happy days of yore. Also it will be of interest to the readers of THE SILENT WORKER who have never heard of the incident.)*

Like missing the goose and hitting the gander, a newspaper reporter not frequently catches a different and far better story than he set out for. I was reminded of this yesterday while traveling by Gallaudet College, admiring as of yore the clean greenness of its rolling grounds, the quiet dignity of its unpretentious old buildings and trees and recalling the traditional spirit of this famous school for the deaf from which have sprung some of the finest athletes in Washington collegiate history. Rockwell in basketball, Rasmussen in baseball, Marshall and Ringle in football, and perhaps others, rate with the illustrious of the larger institutions of learning in this area.

On the Gallaudet football field occurred one of the most exciting incidents this reporter ever witnessed, but it had little to do with football. The principals were a dog and a rabbit.

In the days we harken to, the Gallaudet Gridiron occupied a modest portion of a large meadow. Gallaudet was locked in battle with a traditional rival, Shepherd College. Soon after the third quarter had begun Ringle made a phenomenal dash of 62 yards for another count, but not everybody noticed.

Just before Ringle carried the ball over the line for his fourth and last tally there appeared, seemingly from nowhere, a rabbit, which turned out to be the cleverest and perhaps the gamest runner of the day, because the critter's life was the stake in the race. The cottontail made his entry at the far righthand corner of the field, as viewed from the stands, and headed down the sideline. A dozen feet behind him, hell-bent for an extra supper no doubt, was a dog.

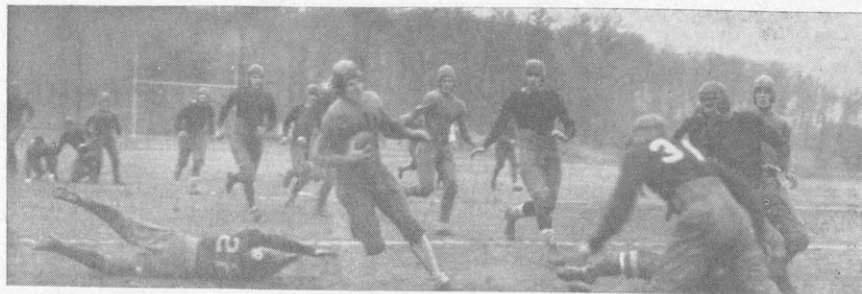
The crowd sat spellbound as the rabbit sped down the sideline while the dog gained inches with every leap. The outcome of the chase appeared inevitable, but that cottontail possessed not only a quarterback's noodle but rabbit's feet galore, figured in terms of luck pieces. Reaching the end of the field, he suddenly broke sharply to the left and gained a bit as the pursuer was thrown off stride. He streaked across the end zone, with the dog again closing the gap. Then with another quick change, Little Long Ears went down the sideline nearest the stands.

On came the race. Only a few feet separated rabbit and dog as they approached the bleachers. Another bound or two and the climax might come at a spot no showman could improve upon.

But the smart little fellow played another trick. The bleachers were in two sections with a passageway between. Into the latter veered the rabbit, and once again the pooch lost ground, but not much.

By many the football game was now forgotten. People scrambled from the stands and through the passageway. Some four yards down a road they saw a man clutching a yapping, struggling dog. And a rabbit, the spring gone from its legs, struggling over a knoll to a hard-won safety.

It may seem silly that anybody should cheer a rabbit. But those people did. So did I. *(We, too. — Ed.)*



This is the photo taken during the incident. Soon after the third quarter had begun Ringle electrified the spectators with a phenomenal dash of 62 yards for a count. He had scarcely caught the punt when a rabbit bobbing up from nowhere attracted the attention of someone's dog which instantly caught the spirit of the chase and a merry race in which the pursued and the pursuer were separated by a few inches ensued and continued until Ringle had carried the ball over the line for a tally. Bunny succeeded in eluding the collie, despite its unwitting dash through the cheering and wide-eyed bleacherites.



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## Help for Deaf Drivers

During the week just before this was written the NAD office received requests for help for deaf drivers from Arizona and from India. We do not know how deaf drivers fare in India, but they desired a resume of regulations pertaining to deaf drivers in the United States, which we were able to supply.

During the past year the NAD was also able to help the deaf of Hawaii in an effort to secure the right to drive, in which they were successful. These instances show how by maintaining a full-time office the NAD has become able to provide services to the deaf on a world-wide scale.

In Arizona deaf drivers objected to a regulation which required two outside mirrors on their cars. At first glance, this would seem to be of minor importance, for deaf drivers could equip their cars with two mirrors and go merrily on their way. However, their real objection was to unnecessary restrictions placed upon deaf drivers, and the NAD has given them its support.

## Summer Conventions

THE SILENT WORKER has endeavored to compile a list of state conventions and other gatherings scheduled for the coming summer and those we have found to date appear below. If there are other conventions not included in this list, we shall appreciate hearing from them, and they will be published next month.

North Dakota Assn., Devils Lake, May 29-31.

Kentucky Assn., May 29-31.

Oregon Assn., Salem, June 4-6.

Florida Assn., Jacksonville, June 10-12.

Virginia Assn., Washington, D.C., June 17-20.

Ontario Assn., Belleville, June 18-21.

Montana Assn., Billings, June 10-12.

Gallaudet College Alumni Reunion, Washington, D.C., June 21-25.

Michigan Assn., Flint, June 23-26.

North Carolina Assn., Winston-Salem, June 25-27.

Empire State Assn., Lake Placid, N. Y., June 29-July 3.

Mississippi Assn., Jackson, July 1-5.

California Assn., Sacramento, July 1-5.

Tennessee Assn., Knoxville, July 2-5.

Alabama Assn., Talladega, July 2-5.

Missouri Assn., St. Louis, Sept. 3-6.

Iowa Assn., Council Bluffs, late August or early September.

## Contributions from Clubs, Assns., Schools and Sponsors of NAD Rallies

Berkeley-Oakland (Calif.) Aux-Frats	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bloom, Jr.	100.00
The Caravan Sunday School Class of Talladega, Alabama	8.75
California Assn. of the Deaf Local Convention Committee, Oakland, '52	29.49
Cameron Methodist Church of the Deaf, Cincinnati, Ohio	350.50
Cedarloo (Iowa) Club for the Deaf	23.50
Graceville, Florida, Deaf Club	18.73
Greater Cincinnati Silent Club N.A.D. Night	68.63
Columbus (Indiana) Pep Club N.A.D. Night	15.50
Dallas Silent Club N.A.D. Night	75.05
District of Columbia Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	62.82
Fettlers' Reunion (Ohio)	20.30
Fort Worth N.A.D. Night	65.00
Georgia Association of the Deaf	66.00
Great Falls (Montana) Silent Club	40.00
Hartford (Conn.) Club of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	50.00
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Illinois Assn. of the Deaf (1953 convention)	41.54
Iowa Association of the Deaf NAD Rally	50.00
Jacksonville, Fla., Association of the Deaf	17.30
Kansas City (Mo.) N.A.D. Night	136.78
Kentucky Assn. of the Deaf	50.00
The Laro Club	5.00
Little Rock Association For the Deaf	8.00
Long Island Club of the Deaf, Inc.	5.00
Los Angeles Club N.A.D. Night	20.00
Louisiana Assn. of the Deaf NAD Rally	267.93

Lubbock Silent Club	10.00
Mascia Club (Mason City, Iowa)	15.18
Merry-Go-Rounders	10.00
Miami Society of the Deaf N.A.D. Night	20.00
Minnesota Alumni Association of Gallaudet College	10.00
Missouri Association of the Deaf NAD Rally	50.75
Montana Association of the Deaf	50.00
Northwestern Ohio Association of the Deaf	20.00
Orange, N. J. Silent Club	10.00
Oregon Assn. of the Deaf N.A.D. Night (Portland)	24.75
Phoenix (Ariz.) YMCA Assn. of the Deaf	65.35
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Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Runde	100.00
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Silent Athletic Club of Denver N.A.D. Night	22.60
South Bend N.A.D. Night	37.83
South Bend Association of the Deaf Ladies' Club	18.60
South Dakota Association of the Deaf N.A.D. Rally	36.00
Spartanburg, S. C. Bible Class of the Deaf	50.00
St. John's School for the Deaf, Milwaukee	25.00
Syracuse, N.Y., NAD Rally	5.05
Tallahassee, Fla., Assn. of the Deaf Lodge	17.00
Tulsa Deaf Motorists Club	10.00
Toledo Deaf Club N.A.D. Nights	301.30
Tucson, Ariz., Club for the Deaf	33.30
Union League of the Deaf	25.00
Vancouver Chapter, Wash. State Assn. of the Deaf	50.00
West Virginia Assn. of the Deaf NAD Rally	233.46
Wichita (Kansas) Club of the Deaf	50.00

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## For Safety

Oftimes I wonder how far we, the deaf, are satisfactorily reliable in times of disaster. Certainly, we do know the basic principles of first aid remedies necessary for repair after a disaster has struck, but how well are we equipped in preventive safety measures?



Suppose a deaf individual were trapped in a self-operated faulty elevator, completely walled in and alone. Without the ability to see or hear, how could that individual be guided to safety? The only remaining usable sense, in this case, is the tactile sense. That person must be able to literally "feel" his way out of danger. A code would supply him with a means of communication to the outside world. A code message tapped on the walls would attract outside attention and he, in turn, could respond to directions received through the vibrant reply in code.

Because Morse code is probably the best known of all codes and is used universally, it could be equally beneficial to the deaf person. The majority of the people are already familiar with it and almost everyone understands the distress signal — S.O.S. With its combination of dots and dashes making up the alphabet, it seems to be the most practical code to follow.

Of prime importance is the adaptability of this means of communication. Messages can be conveyed via tapping on a door, pounding on pipe or rock, pulling string or rope, turning lights off and on, stamping on the floor, etc.

Far from difficult, learning it can be fun for all ages and can be a useful supplement to the independence of the deaf. For the deaf child, basic but simpler and more limited code symbols could be taught. Since the entire 26 letters of our alphabet are not all used to the same extent, it would not necessitate a child's learning any more than his own word capacity.

For the adult deaf, genuine interest and daily practice are required in order to attain the automatism necessary for sending and receiving. As the deaf become more proficient in this line, it may even prove to be an opening into the hitherto closed vocational field of communications.

However, even if the deaf do not progress that far, for safety's sake, I believe both adults and children should learn the simple fundamentals of code sending and receiving.

GRACE YOVINO-YOUNG  
Albany, California

# The Answer Box

This department is conducted by Bernard Bragg, School for the Deaf, Berkeley, California

## Question of this Month:

**What do you say to assure a hearing person he need not pity you because you are deaf?**

Thinking it over, I can recall having been pitied that way only once. At a Legion Auxiliary affair, an out-of-town



visitor came over to shout into my ear. I informed her shouting into my ear made no difference as I could not hear at all. With a woe-begone expression and shaking her head, she said, "It is too bad! Such a sad thing!" I piped up with "Why I went on to say that I was quite satisfied. I could speak and read lips and if I got stuck, I could write and read. I could get around, so what was there to feel sorry about? After my reply, this woman looked at me wonderingly and said, "My! You are so brave." I almost piped up with another "Why?" but managed to control that as I realized she was one of those people who enjoy going around feeling sorry for others. I hated to spoil her fun.

MRS. R. CHRISTIE  
Prince Albert, Sask.

I say that being able to hear is a priceless possession. I know, because once it was mine.

However, for the many and varied undertakings connected with my role as a homemaker, such as keeping a husband healthy and happy, a son, stationed overseas, supplied with letters and cookies, our home kept looking presentable, a sweet little 57 Heinz variety mutt, within bounds, sewing and other such things, I hardly think more could be added within good hearing.

That for two of my favorite diversions movies and TV—a couple of good ears would come in mighty handy. But when there's the racket and clamor from which hearing persons are forever seeking relief. So I must conclude that even deafness has its compensations.

That the national, state and local organizations of the deaf, the civic, religious and other affairs, in which I take more or less active interest, offer a program of outside interests, possibly even more extensive than is available to the average hearing person.

That of one great blessing I'm bereft, but oh, I have a million left!

MRS. BOYD HUME  
Akron, Ohio

So far as I can remember my hearing friends have not pitied me for my being deaf.

They remark how well we, the deaf, manage to make a good living like anybody else.

I took sewing at my home for about 35 years and got in contact with many hearing customers who really envied me because I could sew and fit dresses. We would have a good visit for a good number of minutes over many subjects.

Several even think they might do better if they were deaf.

MRS. TOM STANTON WILLIAMS  
Jacksonville, Illinois

I am afraid I cannot answer your question. The simple truth is — I honestly do not know any one who pities me because I am deaf.



However, your question made me curious and I asked several of my friends if they felt sorry for me because I am deaf. The answers were all definitely "No." When I asked why not, they countered with "Should I?"

I do not believe that hearing people actually pity the deaf unless that person is asking for pity and clearly indicates that he feels sorry for himself. I know that in the early years of my deafness, I asked for and got sympathy and pity. I do not remember when I stopped feeling sorry for myself. That is why your question surprised me. I have not given "pity" a thought in years.

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